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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

DECRPTION: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

April 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The recall of contaminated pet food is expanding. The FDA has added dog biscuits made by sunshine mills of Red Bay, Alabama to the list of products with wheat gluten contaminated with melamine. Also, the Menu Foods company says it is expanding the recall dates for a wide variety of its products. The FDA says there's has no evidence the contaminated wheat gluten has gotten into the human food supply.

April 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 10, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The bases were loaded and so were the stands as fans piled in for the season opener. "Every season brings excitement," said Mike DeMaine, General Manager of the Greenville Drive. The season started with a few new additions to West End Field. \$1.2 million was spent on a party deck, playground, food chains, and even a fan dugout. "It's great for the kids to have a playground, and maybe they will catch some foul balls over there to play with," said Jeff Rhyne, a fan. It's not just great for the kids. Some fans drove hundreds of miles to see what they call an honest game of baseball. "The kids play with their heart and there are no primadonnas like the majors," said Charles Hall. Though some fans drove hundreds of miles from Delaware and Maryland, some fans drove more than one thousand miles from Kansas, and for good reason- to see her son pitch the ball. "I live and breathe baseball, and every opportunity to see my son in uniform," said Deborah Richardson.

April 10, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 10, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The maker of Listerine is recalling one of its rinses after tests showed it was contaminated with microorganisms. A Johnson and Johnson spokeswoman says a company unit is recalling four (M) million bottles of the recently launched Listerine Agent Cool Blue plaque-detecting rinse, marketed primarily for use by children. The recall affects the Glacier Mint and Bubble Blast flavors. The company says tests showed contamination, despite the use of preservatives. However, the company says there have been no reports of health problems from the contamination. Consumers are advised to stop using the product and throw it away. Refunds are being offered.

April 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 11, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The days of having the lowest cigarette tax in the country may be numbered. On Wednesday night, the House Ways and Means Committee voted 15 to 7 in favor of raising the tax \$0.30. Right now, the cigarette tax is only \$0.07. South Carolina hasn't seen a tax hike in almost 20-years, and as you might expect people are divided on the issue. By most estimates, less than 25-percent of people smoke in South Carolina, however, even non-smokers had an opinion on whether or not to hike up the tax from \$0.07 to \$0.37. Richard Sheridan said, "In California it paid for a lot of things. I think they should definitely raise it in this state." Ann Greene, a non-smoker, who lives in Greenville County, says while she hopes gas prices go down, cigarette taxes may need to go up. She said, "I think it's fine. If we need the extra money then that's where I would add the tax." The extra revenue from the tax hike would fund health care programs, and cut the sales tax on groceries by 1.5-percent. However, opponents of the hike say adding up these cuts up would actually cost \$100 million more than it would raise. Smokers we spoke to say the \$0.30 hike makes little sense. Mark Vanackere said, "They want to make money. That's what I think." Sean Kennedy said, "I don't think they should raise it. It's pointless. Just money you're going to get from us." Last year, the tax hike proposal didn't get past the committee. The next major step is when the bill goes to the house.

April 13, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 13, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The list of Chinese food exports rejected at American ports reads like a chef's nightmare: pesticide-laden pea pods, drug-laced catfish, filthy plums and crawfish contaminated with salmonella. Yet, it took a much more obscure item, contaminated wheat gluten, to focus U.S. public attention on a very real and frightening fact: China's chronic food safety woes are now an international concern. In recent weeks, scores of cats and dogs in America have died of kidney failure blamed on eating pet food containing gluten from China that was tainted with melamine, a chemical used in plastics, fertilizers and flame retardants. While humans aren't believed at risk, the incident has sharpened concerns over China's food exports and the limited ability of U.S. inspectors to catch problem shipments. "This really shows the risks of food purity problems combining with international trade," said Michiel Keyzer, director of the Center for World Food Studies at Amsterdam's Vrije Universiteit. Just as with manufactured goods, exports of meat, produce, and processed foods from China have soared in recent years, prompting outcries from foreign farm sectors that are feeling pinched by low Chinese prices. Worried about losing access to foreign markets and stung by tainted food products scandals at home, China has in recent years tried to improve inspections, with limited success. The problems the government faces are legion. Pesticides and chemical fertilizers are used in excess to boost yields while harmful antibiotics are widely administered to control disease in seafood and livestock. Rampant industrial pollution risks introducing heavy metals into the food chain. Farmers have used cancer-causing industrial dye [Sudan Red](#) to boost the value of their eggs and fed an asthma medication to pigs to produce leaner meat. In a case that galvanized the public's and government's attention, shoddy infant formula with little or no nutritional value has been blamed for causing severe malnutrition in hundreds of babies and killing at least 12. China's Health Ministry reported almost 34,000 food-related illnesses in 2005, with spoiled food accounting for the largest number, followed by poisonous plants or animals and use of agricultural chemicals. With China increasingly intertwined in global trade, Chinese exporters are paying a price for unsafe practices. Excessive antibiotic or pesticide residues have caused bans in Europe and Japan on Chinese shrimp, honey and other products. Hong Kong blocked imports of turbot last year after inspectors found traces of malachite green, a possibly cancer-causing chemical used to treat fungal infections, in some fish. One source of the problem is China's fractured farming sector, comprised of small landholdings which make regulation difficult, experts said. Small farms ship to market with little documentation. Testing of the safety and purity of farm products such as milk is often haphazard, hampered by fuzzy lines of authority among regulators. Only about 6 percent of agricultural products were considered pollution-free in 2005, while safer, better quality food officially stamped as "green" accounts for just 1 percent of the total, according to figures compiled by the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#). For foreign importers, the answer is to know your suppliers and test thoroughly, food industry experts said. "You just have to hope that your system is strong enough and your producers are careful enough," said Todd Meyer, China director for the [U.S. Grains Council](#). Health Ministry officials acknowledge problems, but have described scandals such as the 2004 baby formula deaths as isolated incidents. Neither the ministry nor the State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, responsible for overall food safety standards, responded to questions submitted to them in writing as requested. Over the past 25 years, Chinese agricultural exports to the U.S. surged nearly 20-fold to US\$2.26 billion last year, led by poultry products, sausage casings, shellfish, spices and apple juice. Inspectors from the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) are able to inspect only a tiny percentage of the millions of shipments that enter the U.S.

each year. Even so, shipments from China were rejected at the rate of about 200 per month this year, the largest from any country, compared to about 18 for Thailand, and 35 for Italy, also big exporters to the U.S., according to data posted on the FDA's Web site. Chinese products are bounced for containing pesticides, antibiotics and other potentially harmful chemicals, and false or incomplete labeling that sometimes omits the producer's name. To protect its foreign markets, China is trying to set up a dedicated export supply chain, sealed off from the domestic market, said Keyzer. Systems for tracking and tracing vegetables have been set up, although doing so for meat products is harder, he said. Large producers targeting foreign markets have also moved to gain greater control over supplies by expanding their operations instead of buying from individual farmers. The tainted pet food scandal is likely to increase this momentum. More than 100 brands of pet foods and treats have been recalled, one of the largest pet food recalls in history. Menu Foods was the first of at least six companies to recall pet food, beginning in mid-March, after reported cases of cats and dogs developing kidney failure after eating the affected products. How the contaminated [wheat gluten](#) got into the product cycle is not yet known. The gluten was traced to a company outside Shanghai, Xuzhou Anying Biologic Technology Development Co. The company and the government's inspection and quarantine administration are investigating. But a company sales manager, Geng Xiujuan, said Xuzhou Anying was only a middleman, buying the gluten, commonly used as a thickener in pet food, from companies in neighboring provinces and selling it to a separate trading company. While no investigation results have been announced, industry experts said they suspect the gluten might have been contaminated by having been processed or stored in machines or containers also used for [melamine](#). Such anomalies show just how difficult it is to ensure purity, they said. "It's just really hard to test for everything," Meyer said.

April 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

North Carolina officials say a chemical blamed for more than a dozen pet deaths across the nation has been found in feed at a hog farm in western North Carolina. Officials say melamine was found in hogs at the farm, which wasn't identified. The pigs have been quarantined and appear healthy. The feed is thought to have been sent to a hog farm in South Carolina, but --no-- other farms in either state are affected. The South Carolina farm was --not-- identified. The feed came from a Diamond Pet plant in Gaston, (South Carolina). North Carolina officials say the U-S Food and Drug Administration notified them Friday that it tracked a shipment of the feed to the North Carolina farm. A farm in South Carolina is quarantined while officials wait for test results.

May 7, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 7, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Analysts say gasoline prices have surged to a record nationwide average of three-dollars-seven cents per gallon. That's nearly 20 cents higher than two weeks earlier. Oil industry analyst Trilby Lundberg says the previous record was three-oh-three per gallon in August 2006. But despite inventory fears that have sent prices higher, there are signs that the rising prices at the pump may be peaking. The nation's lowest average pump price was two-80 per gallon in Charleston, South Carolina, The highest was three-49 in San Francisco. Lundberg says the recent increases are due mostly to refinery problems, noting there have been at least a dozen additional partial shutdowns in the U-S and internationally that cut refining capacity.

May 10, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 10, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The average gallon of regular unleaded gas in the South Carolina is \$2.81, but, according to AAA Carolinas, that number is about to go up at least 20-cents. The group says gas will be more than \$3 per gallon in the next ten days. One reason is because officials say they are having to shut down oil refineries, because they are not up to date. The ones that are obsolete and rundown aren't producing enough gas to meet the high demand. Many drivers in the area say they can't afford to pay those high gas prices, so they fill up a couple of gallons whenever they can. However, there are others who say they have no choice, but to pay those high gas prices. AAA says expect a gallon of gas to cost you \$3.50 by the end of the summer.

May 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 15, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A Senate committee voted today to increase South Carolina cigarette tax by 45 cents per pack, to 52 cents. South Carolina now has the nation's lowest cigarette tax at 7 cents per pack. The Senate would use the extra \$150 million to cut income taxes, fund a smoking cessation program and create a health care savings account. Legislators would decide next year how to use the \$90 million put into the health account. The increase would start July first. The Senate proposal differs from the tax-swap plan approved by the House last month. It called for a 30-cents-per-pack increase starting January first that would cut the state sales tax on groceries from 3 cents on the dollar to 1.4 cents.

May 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 21, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

While the average price for a gallon of regular gas is expected to top \$3 for Memorial Day weekend, AAA Carolinas says holiday travelers are not expected to change their plans. The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gas in South Carolina is \$2.99-cents today. That's below the national average of close to \$3.18 cents. Organizers of this year's Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston aren't expecting gas prices to greatly reduce the number of visitors who will begin arriving in the Lowcountry over the holiday weekend. General director Nigel Redden says ticket sales are nearly the same as last year. Charleston and Myrtle Beach are among the top tourist destinations in South Carolina for the holiday weekend.

June 14, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 14, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

More than 1 million of the popular "Thomas & Friends" wooden railway toys made in China are being voluntarily recalled because some may contain lead paint, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said on Wednesday. About 1.5 million wooden vehicles, buildings and other train-set parts for young children are being recalled, the CPSC said in a statement. The toys were sold in the United States from January 2005 through June 2007, the statement said. Lead is toxic and can pose a serious health risk to young children who often put objects in their mouths. Children under 6 are most at risk. The CPSC and RC2 Corp., the Oak Brook, Illinois-based company that imports "Thomas & Friends" toys, said there had been no reports of illness or injuries linked to the recall. The recall of toys made in China follows a series of health scandals in the United States involving food, drugs and other products imported from China, from poisoned cough syrup to tainted toothpaste and pet food. "Consumers should take the recalled toys away from young children immediately and contact RC2 Corp. for a replacement toy," the CPSC said.

June 14, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 14, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

"Heelys" are a popular brand of tennis shoes that have a small, skate-like wheel built into the heel. However, emergency rooms across the upstate have seen an increase in injuries which doctors said are related to the popular sneaker. "We've had an outcry from our children's hospital ER, from physicians who are seeing an enormous number of injuries and accidents," said Terry Mitchell of Safe Kids Upstate. "Heelys" market themselves as the only shoe with a wheel in the heel. Safe Kids Upstate said that means you should wear a helmet when wearing the shoes, but that might not be enough protection, Mitchell said. "For these particular injuries, we really suggest knee pads and wrist guards, because the injuries are so frequent, and they take a little bit of skill," said Mitchell. Kids actually have to lean back on their heels to activate the wheels. Then they put one foot in front of the other to properly glide. Stopping has been where a lot of the injuries have happened, doctors said. "So they'll run into things like walls and cars. If they're in malls they'll run into benches or plants or whatever," Mitchell said. "That's causing falls and injuries to the upper torso like broken arms, broken clavicles." Safe Kids Upstate said they want parents to buy "Heelys" with the proper safety gear.

June 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 15, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina Electric and Gas customers could be charged an average of \$111 more for power and natural gas next year. That will happen if state regulators approve a rate-increase proposal the utility filed today. The proposal includes an increase of nearly 7.5% for residential electric customers, or \$91 a year. The Columbia-based utility provides electricity to 630,000 customers in 26 counties in the Midlands and Lowcountry. The increases would generate \$118 million a year to pay for construction material and government-mandated plant upgrades to help the environment.

June 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Georgia and South Carolina will join forces for a "two-state speed crackdown" on Interstate 85. The Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety says the crackdown will begin at noon June 29th. It's part of Georgia's plans to boost its summer-long traffic enforcement effort with a weekend focusing on I-85 before the July Fourth holiday. Officials say the emphasis will shift from one location to another as authorities try to blanket the state with safer traffic. The office says law enforcement officers throughout Georgia and other states hope to reduce the 2,500 lives lost each year in the Southeast between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Officials are encouraging motorists to obey the speed limit, wear seat belts, buckle up their children and drive sober.

June 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 19, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A student at Clemson University has been diagnosed with Tuberculosis, a potentially deadly and highly contagious disease. Clemson officials would not say who the affected student is, but they did send out a couple of e-mails notifying all students about the health situation. According to the Department of Health, only those who had close contact are at risk but some students who have summer classes still didn't feel at ease. "It's kinda random, I get this email, that kid could've come in contact with anyone especially if you walk all over campus," said Andy Anderson, a student. About 90 people have been tested so far, and even if they do test positive, it still doesn't mean they have tuberculosis, health workers said. Doctors need a chest x-ray to confirm it, but any student concerned can stop by the health center. "I'm really not that worried about it. It's kind of scary but at the same time there's so many people you come in contact with. I'm not that worried," said Bonnie Ginepro, another student. The affected student lived off campus, but he attended classes on campus, specifically, at the Chemistry building also known as Hardin Hall. The Department of Health said they will contact a person if they feel they are at risk. Health officials believe the student may have contacted the disease from his native country which is on the "high risk" list for tuberculosis. The student was in good condition and was expected to recover, health workers said.

June 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 20, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Lawmakers have overridden Governor Sanford's veto of a bill that would give \$300 tax breaks to people buying hybrid and other alternative energy cars. The legislation also gives \$15 million to hydrogen fuel cell research and offers tax breaks for investing in the technology or buying hydrogen fuel cells. Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer says the governor vetoed the bill because he was concerned about the state investing heavily in unproven technologies.

June 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

It was a quick approaching storm that left quite a punch in the City of Greenville, specifically along Haywood, Congaree and Airport Roads. The majority of the damage was down power lines, trees ripped from the ground, awnings ripped off businesses, and signs ripped to shreds. Initial reports were coming in as a possible tornado, but it seems the damage was from a possible downburst. FOX Carolina was on the scene minutes after the storm hit and talked to people inside Chili's Grill and Bar who say they were moved to the kitchen to take cover as the storm passed. They reported seeing the rain coming down sideways, and the wind blowing extremely hard. Our own Chief Meteorologist Michael Smith was in the middle of the storm and said he hadn't seen that intense of a storm in a long time. Local utility companies are reporting more than one-thousand customers are in the dark, because of the storms. Crews are working along Haywood Road trying to repair the numerous utility poles down. Haywood Road is currently closed from Transit Drive to Laurens Road. There is a power line lying over the road. Crews are on the scene trying to get this line cleaned up. However there are several poles along Haywood Road that crews will be replacing throughout the night. Authorities are encouraging people to stay away from this area if at all possible. Portions of Congaree Road are also closed due to down power lines. Greens Liquor Store has lines lying on top of the business from a fallen pole. Crews are also on that scene trying to get those lines back up. Our crews reported several businesses along Congaree without power as of early Monday morning. We've heard no reports of injuries. However there will be a lot of clean up for several businesses in the Haywood Road area. Our crew spotted a roof that was ripped off a storage building along Airport Road. Several power lines were also reported down along this road as well. Remember if a power line is down in your area, stay away and call your local utility company. We'll have the latest on the damage, and power outages on the Morning News.

June 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A new study indicates a dangerous, drug-resistant staph germ may infect up to five percent of hospital and nursing home patients. The survey by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology shows at least 30,000 hospital patients in the US may have the superbug at any time. That's about ten times the rate some health officials previously estimated. Federal health officials haven't commented on the findings of the new report but an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calls the drug-resistant staph germ "a huge problem." The germ (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) can't be tamed by certain common antibiotics. It's associated with skin infections, but also causes blood infections, pneumonia and other illnesses. The germ is spread by touch and typically thrives in health care facilities where people have open wounds.

June 29 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 29 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina is about to welcome a new attraction. The Upcountry History Museum will open its doors in downtown Greenville in just a couple of months. The museum will focus on the history of the upper region of the Palmetto state Project Manager, Steve Barnes says this is a unique experience, because Greenville alone holds such a cool story. Barnes has been working alongside museum executive director, Pam Meister for the past couple of months. Meister says this museum will focus on the Upstate area, incorporating knowledge through projectors, trivia, and a couple of cast figures that talk to visitors and tell them about their experiences in the past. Amid all the

modern technology, one other thing you'll notice is the name. Meister says Upcountry is the correct historical term for this region, not Upstate. However it is perfectly fine for people to use that term. The Upcountry History Museum officially opens in September for more on the museum and its debut, visit upcountryhistory.org.

Attachments



Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	2:00pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	2:30pm	COPS

DESCRIPTION: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	2:00am	MISSING
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DESCRIPTION: Missing is a weekly half-hour reality series featuring actual cases of missing individuals, both adult and juvenile, from across the United States. (30:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

DESCRIPTION: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

April 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Greenville Police are looking for a man they say is responsible for the death of two people involved in a traffic accident Sunday night. Just before 8 o'clock Sunday night, officers responded to Church Street and University Ridge after they received a 911 call telling them about a vehicle-versus-pole accident, the Greenville Police Department said Monday. Four women were inside the car when it hit the power pole. Three of them were thrown from the car during the crash. All four of the women were taken to Greenville Memorial Hospital, where two later died. Monday, officials identified the victims as 31-year-old Vanessa Vance of Greenville, and 60-year-old Dorothy White of Atlanta. After further investigation, officers found the accident happened following a domestic dispute between a boyfriend, 37-year-old Elder Dennis Patlow, and his girlfriend. Investigators believe Patlow's girlfriend was one of the women in the car. Another car, driven by Patlow, was chasing the women's vehicle north on Church Street when Patlow began ramming his car into the car in which his girlfriend was riding. They also believe Patlow may have shot at the car several times. According to police, this forced the women's car to hit the pole. Patlow left the scene following the accident. Police have classified this as a double homicide, and have charged Patlow with

two counts of homicide. If you have any information on Patlow's whereabouts, you are asked to call Greenville Police immediately.

April 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 11, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The doors are now closed at the "Together We Learn Daycare Center" on Old Murphy Road. Deputies say that is where a child under the age of 16 was molested by 35-year-old Michael Bradley. "Michael Bradley was arrested this weekend on three felony counts. The most serious a first degree sex offense with a child," said Brian Welch, from the Macon County Sheriff's Office. Deputies say Bradley committed these sex crimes while the child was in his custody at the daycare center. Law enforcement is releasing few details about the case to protect the identity of the child. "I think it's terrible as a parent of three kids. These days you don't know who's watching your child," said Travis Waldroop, one parent. That in mind, parents of children who attended the daycare center are encouraged to call the sheriff's office to find out if there are anymore victims. "We have had several calls since yesterday, but at this point we have no evidence that would lead us to believe there are any other victims," said Welch. Five different agencies are working on this case including the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations (SBI). Bradley is being held in the Macon County Detention Center on a \$140,000 bond. He will have an appearance in court on April 18.

April 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A gunman's final tirade is the focus of video and other materials mailed by the Virginia Tech shooter to N-B-C headquarters in New York. N-B-C says the package contained a rambling and often-incoherent, 18-hundred-word video manifesto on C-D, plus 43 photos, eleven showing him aiming handguns at the camera. Cho Seung-Hui (joh sung-wee) said in one excerpt aired on N-B-C Nightly News, "You had a hundred billion chances and ways to avoid today." He also ranted about rich "brats" and their "hedonistic needs." N-B-C says the package was received in this morning's mail. It was apparently sent between the first and second shootings Monday that left 32 people dead.

April 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

More clues are emerging about what Cho Seung-Hui (joh sung-wee) did in the two-hour window between the first burst of gunfire in a dorm and the second barrage in a classroom building. Authorities say the Virginia Tech gunman mailed a package to N-B-C News between the events. Police say the material includes images of him brandishing weapons and a video of him delivering a diatribe about getting even with rich people. N-B-C says a time stamp on the package indicates it was mailed in the two-hour window between the shootings. M-S-N-B-C says the package included a CD-ROM on which Cho read his manifesto. "NBC Nightly News" plans to show some of the material tonight. N-B-C says it turned the package over to authorities. The package was sent to the head of N-B-C News.

April 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 24, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A South Carolina jury today has acquitted a man accused of raping two teen girls in an underground room last year. Kenneth Glenn Hinson wiped his eyes and mouth and appeared to cry after the jury said he was --not-- guilty of kidnapping, sex crimes and assault with intent to kill. As he was escorted from the courtroom, Hinson said he thinks --quote-- "the verdict says it all." The verdict followed about four hours of deliberations over two days. Hinson had faced a mandatory life sentence without parole under the state's two-strikes law because he was convicted of rape in 1991. The accusers were not in the courtroom when Hinson was acquitted. Their mothers and other relatives wept. They declined to comment after the verdict. Hinson was --not-- immediately freed. He was being held on a federal firearms charge because he had a gun when he was arrested. Convicted felons are --not-- permitted to carry weapons.

May 14, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 14, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Another Ware Shoals High School teacher is under investigation for improper communications with a student. That's the same school where cheerleading coach, Jill Moore was arrested for allegedly providing students with alcohol and hooking them up with an acquaintance for sex. The school's principal Jane Blackwell was also arrested in connection with that case. She's facing charges for allegedly trying to cover it up. The Ware Shoals Police Department is releasing few details about this new case, but they have told us they are investigating improper communications between a student and a Ware Shoals High School teacher. They tell us the communications were made by cell phone text message. So far, no criminal charges have been filed, but the investigation is still preliminary. Police expect to release more concrete details later. In the meantime, residents say they are tired of all the negative attention. "All together I wish it would go away. I just don't want to hear about it anymore," said one resident. The Ware Shoals Police Department says they will conduct a few more interviews before they decide if any criminal charges will be made.

May 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 15, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A Greenville television station reporter has died after he was struck while covering a wreck on Interstate 85 in Spartanburg County. Fifty-8-year-old Joe Loy of WHNS--TV died about 6:30 last night after he was struck by a vehicle while covering another wreck. The Highway Patrol says Loy standing between a sports utility vehicle owned by the station and a guardrail when the SUV was struck by a van. The patrol says the van driver had swerved to avoid a pickup truck that had cut him off. Troopers are looking for the driver of the pickup. Loy was the assignment editor at WHNS. He previously had worked at WSPA--TV in Spartanburg and WIS--TV in Columbia. He was president of the South Carolina Associated Press Broadcasters in 2004 and 2005.

May 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

An arrest has been made in connection with the death of an upstate man who died after being assaulted outside a Greenville County nightclub. Stephen Andrew Moller of Taylors is charged with murdering Sean Kennedy. Investigators believe Moller punched Kennedy in the face as he was leaving the parking lot of Brew's on Pelham Road early Wednesday morning. He died the next night. According to a sheriff's office spokesman, Moller was identified as a suspect through interviews with witnesses and an extensive investigation. The investigation found that Moller allegedly made a comment about Kennedy's sexual orientation either prior to or during the assault. Kennedy's friends tell Fox Carolina that he was openly gay. Moller was arrested late Thursday night and is being held in the Greenville County Detention Center under no bond. Greenville County investigators have contacted the FBI who will decide if Moller will be charged with a hate crime.

June 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 15, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Spartanburg County Deputies were involved with a stand-off on Lake Bowen Friday. It came to an end just before 10 pm. The SWAT Team stormed the house at 1130 Wilkins Road and Tazed 44 year old Jeffery Gray after the eleven hour stand-off between him and an AK47. Neighbors say early in the day they knew something was going wrong. "This morning he was telling everyone to wake up and smell the coffee off his dock. They say he was yelling for 45 minutes then he waved a rifle at my neighbors. They were fishing," says John Michael Brock, Neighbor. Minutes later they say Jeffery Gray fired two gunshots at two fishermen pulling into the dock, then ran in the house. That's when deputies were called. They say thankfully they arrived before anyone was hurt. "They had two robots and the swat team. We were watching them go around the house and then we got told to go in or they were gonna arrest us," says Conner Gillispie, Neighbor. Deputies kept people several feet from the house. The closest our cameras could get was the edge of this gravel road. Investigators say the man inside has a history of getting drunk and firing off his rifle...which they suspect was the case Friday. Neighbors say they've seen it first hand. "Our middle daughter was on the dock one day and he was shooting in to the water it could ricochet off a rock and come up and hit her. We made her come inside but the cops have been called several times," says one neighbor. Now they say, this time is one too many. Gray is being held in the Spartanburg Detention Center charged with 2 counts of aggravated assault with intent to kill.

June 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Spartanburg County, SC - Spartanburg Police are at Outfitters Inc. this morning, investigating an overnight break-in. Police say someone used a car to back into the stores front doors around three o'clock this morning. Police believe they are looking for one person, but are looking over surveillance video to be sure. The shops owner is working with police, right it looks like several weapons, including handguns were stolen. So far no suspect is in custody. We've got a crew live on the scene and will bring you the latest developments all morning long on The Morning News and tonight on The Ten O'Clock News.

June 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Late Saturday night, deputies found a man stabbed, slumped over, against a door off Cedar Lane Road. The man was taken to the hospital, and is expected to recover. As for a suspect, investigators are still trying to track one down. There was a second stabbing on Saturday. Thomas Rincon of Greenville was stabbed in the neck in front of a night club on White Horse Road early Saturday morning. The Greenville County Coroner's office pronounced Rincon dead on the scene. Investigators say Rincon was in a fight inside the bar and say when the fight moved outside, someone stabbed him. Rincon's killer is still on the loose. And between the two stabbings, deputies say a couple was carjacked at gunpoint at the intersection of Kerns Road and Old Buncombe Road. The carjacking led to a police chase then a manhunt just off Old Buncombe. The Highway Patrol spotted the stolen Toyota pickup and

attempted to pull it over. The driver ran of the trooper which started a short chase involving the trooper, Greenville County Deputies, and Greenville police. The chase ended when the driver bailed from the truck at the intersection of Kerns Road and Old Buncombe Road. It didn't take long for deputies and the highway patrol to set up a perimeter to hunt down the suspect. Tracking dogs were brought out to track the suspect's scent. After a couple of hours of searching the dogs lost the suspect's scent and the search was called off. If anyone has any information on any of these cases call CRIMESTOPPERS at 23-CRIME.

June 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 19, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Spartanburg police have arrested six people in connection with what they called a smash-and-grab burglary. Police said around 3 a.m. Monday the bandits ran a stolen car into a door at Dunbar and Zimmerly Outfitters at 509 Union Street. The shop sells hunting equipment and repairs guns. At least 30 guns were stolen from the shop, police said. Police said surveillance tapes helped lead them to a home where they made several arrests, and recovered all the stolen guns. Police arrested 18-year-old Shareena Latrese Davis, 20-year-old Marcus Sentell Kelly, 18-year-old J.W. Miller, 17-year-old Jeremy Jamond Jeter, 16-year-old Alfred George Suber and 16-year-old Taquan Williams. All six have been charged with second degree burglary among other charges, and are being prosecuted as adults, police said.

June 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 20, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

south Carolina Treasurer Thomas Ravenel was suspended by Gov. Mark Sanford after a grand jury indictment on a drug charge. The indictment accused Ravenel and another man, Michael Miller, of distributing less than 500 grams of cocaine beginning in 2005. According to U.S. Attorney Reggie Lloyd, Ravenel bought the cocaine and intended to give it to other people, but he never tried to sell the drug. In 2006, Ravenel was elected state treasurer, and in 2004 he finished third in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate. **FILE: Read the indictment against Thomas Ravenel (pdf)** Two months ago, Rudy Giuliani announced Ravenel would be chairman of his presidential campaign. Giuliani's campaign released a statement on Tuesday afternoon that said Ravenel had stepped down. Sanford's office also released a statement after he issued an executive order to suspend Ravenel. "These are obviously very serious allegations that we're constitutionally bound to act upon and they'll ultimately be decided by the courts," Sanford said. Sanford was expected to name an interim treasurer soon. If convicted, Ravenel could face up to 20 years in prison, and a fine up to \$1,000,000. Police said Ravenel will have the chance to turn himself in to authorities.

June 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The One Stop Convenience Store on New Cut Road, was robbed late Friday night. Deputies say a man walked into the store, approached the counter, lifted his shirt and showed the clerk a gun. In the report the clerk stated, "Once he showed the weapon, the suspect stated that this is a robbery and demanded all the money from the register."

The clerk told deputies the man got into what appeared to be a white Dodge Intrepid similar to this one with a red paper license tag. She described the robber, as a white man, in his late 30's to mid 40's with brown hair, blue eyes, and was heavy set. Just a few hours later, deputies say a man walked into the Waffle House, which is next door to the One Stop Convenience Store, and robbed it. In the report a waitress said, "The suspect leaned over toward her and told her to give him all of the money in the register." Deputies said while the waitress was handing over the money, the suspect put a gun to her stomach. Witnesses say the suspect left the restaurant in a Champaign colored Ford Escape. They say the suspect was a black man wearing blue jeans, a grey hooded sweatshirt and had slanted eyes. And early Friday morning deputies say a man tried to rob the CARQUEST Auto Parts store on North Blackstock Road. Deputies say man walked into the store, carrying a McDonald's bag. In a report an employee said, "The man walked over to the counter and leaned over and stated give me your money." At first deputies say the employees thought the man had a gun in the bag but soon realized it was a galvanized pipe. The employee told the man he wasn't handing over the money, and when he went to holler at his colleagues the suspect took off with a dollar in hand. Deputies say the man got into a dark blue 1990's model Chevrolet S-10. They say the truck had dark tinted windows, tear drop tail lights and South Carolina tags. Deputies say if anyone has information on any of these robberies to call CRIMESTOPPERS at 58-CRIME.

June 29, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 29, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Several law enforcement agencies in both South Carolina and Georgia started Operation H.E.A.T. on Friday afternoon. H.E.A.T. stands for Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic. Officers said they want to make the roadways safer for drivers by setting up checkpoints mainly along Interstate 85 which connects South Carolina and Georgia. Officers said they will look for specific violations such as speeding, drunk driving, safety belt usage and child safety seat usage. According to law enforcement, 21 people were killed during the Independence Day holiday period which runs from June 30 to July 4. Operation H.E.A.T. is part of the "100 Deadliest Days of Summer," an effort by officers to cut back on traffic deaths from Memorial Day to Labor Day, officers said. Officers said in 2006 almost 2,500 people were killed on area roads during the 100 days.

June 29, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 29, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Authorities in Anderson, Pickens and Oconee counties said they are looking for a man who doesn't return vehicles he takes for test-drives. Barry Little with L and L Auto Sales said he is one of the dealers who was duped by a person he described as a "regular guy." Little said the man came into his store and said he wanted to trade in his Chevrolet Blazer, and test-drove a 2001 green Chevrolet Silverado. It wasn't long before Little got suspicious, he said. He left and I went to look at his vehicle," Little said. "It seemed like it had just been detailed at a car lot. I was suspicious at that. The more I looked, the more suspicious I got. I said, 'This guy stole my truck.'" The Silverado was found after a similar theft in Anderson County, deputies said. "It seems like he's playing a game to see how many vehicles he can steal or he's getting vehicles with gas just to ride in them," Little said. Deputies asked anyone with information on these thefts to call them immediately.

Attachments



Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
April 7, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Behind closed doors, the debate over whether Principal Jane Blackwell will keep her job continued well into the night. The hearing started at 9 o'clock Friday morning and ended around 11:30 Friday night. For the first few hours of the hearing, school board members and attorneys listened to testimony from the Ware Shoals cheerleading team by video deposition. Then they moved on to live testimony from the baseball coach and other faculty who may have witnessed the allegations. Though this was a public hearing, and by law media are allowed to record public hearings, we were asked to only record opening remarks. When one media outlet took a stand things took a sharp turn. School board officials asked media to not record testimony from students. When one station refused to stop recording the board decided to close the meeting to everyone. Some people left frustrated. "The people want to know what's going on but some people spoil things for everyone else just for ratings and ignore the choice of the public," said Thomas McAuliff, a student. Attorneys say the decision was made to protect student testimony. "I know some national media ran the tag line "Cheerleaders Gone Wild"- she absolutely refused to expose them to that scrutiny so when one particular station would not cut their camera off she had no choice but to make it private," said Lance Sheek, co-council for Jane Blackwell. While the testimony won't be weighed out in the court of public opinion, it will be weighed out by school board members behind closed doors. A final decision is expected at the next school board meeting. The sheriff's office says they have finished their investigation. The solicitor's office says the case is expected to go to trial in another six months.

April 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

If you're a teacher and you want to get a substitute so you can take personal leave, it will cost you, and educators would like to change that decades-long policy. Teachers are required to pay 50 dollars toward the cost of hiring a substitute. It's a policy that's been on the books since the 1960s, and it covers only part of the 65 to 132 dollars a day it can cost to hire a substitute. Jennifer Lanane, a veteran teacher and president of the North Carolina Association of Educators' Wake County chapter, says North Carolina is the only state in the Southeast that charges the substitute fee. The association would like to see the fee vanish, and has included the issue in its 2007-2008 legislative agenda. Garner High School teacher James Brantley would like to see a change as well. Each October, he takes a day off to be with his wife on her birthday, and that's cost him 500 dollars over the last decade.

April 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 11, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

The fate of one upstate principal lies in the hands of the school board now. Ware Shoals District 51 board members will meet at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the Ware Shoals High School library to discuss Principal Jane Blackwell. Blackwell is accused of covering up a cheerleading sex scandal. A hearing that started at 9 o'clock last Friday morning went on for about 14 hours. That's because defense attorneys say there are so many allegations against Blackwell, they have to sort through all of it. Cheerleaders and staff members testified about what happened, behind closed doors. The school board is holding a hearing before the case goes to court because they have to do it within a specific time frame. Blackwell's attorney says the cheerleaders have key testimony that could clear her name. Now, the board has to decide what will happen to Principal Jane Blackwell. They have until Monday to make their final decision.

April 13, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 13, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

One upstate school drove a message home to their juniors and seniors Friday morning. It wasn't your normal day at Chesnee High School. The day started off with students lining up to see a mock drunk driving drill. Junior Anna Burns said, "I think it's great because a lot of kids at our school drink and this shows what can really happen and how people get hurt." Five boys were the ones drinking and driving. They ended up hitting another car in a head on collision killing the passenger and sending the driver to the emergency room in a helicopter. Junior Kierra Landrum said, "It really makes you wonder and know that you don't want to do anything at prom." Local law enforcement agencies joined together to help make this as real as possible. For many of the students, the message came through loud and clear. Burns said, "Not to drink and drive, but some of my friends do and this isn't something to do." The scenario even went as far as giving the boys breathalyzer tests and then arresting them when they failed. Also, bringing in a hearse to take the passenger who died in the accident away. Burns said, "I hope this keeps going on because this can help a lot of students." Landrum said, "They should do it every year at prom, definitely, and every school not just Chesnee." A drill student says it really hits home.

April 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 17, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

As students got news of the shooting on Virginia Tech's campus they couldn't help but wonder, what if? "A big school like Virginia Tech has all the money and resources and if it could happen there what about a small school like this one without all the economic status as that one," asked Joshua Williams, a freshman at Spartanburg Methodist. With about 800 students, Spartanburg Methodist College is much smaller than Virginia Tech. They say that gives them an advantage when it comes to security. "We are a small campus and word travels fast, and we have all the technology like e-mail and phone systems and those kinds of things," said Author Hartzog, Dean of Students. Aside from e-mail and phone calls, which sometimes don't get the word out fast enough, campus security says they have people who go to each classroom alerting students in an emergency situation. "Sometimes students don't check their e-mail. So we do have people on campus who will go around if possible and notify students in the classrooms," said Theresa Ferguson, Chief of Campus Safety. That in mind, some students say they have a sense of comfort on campus. "I am not worried. It does open my mind that something could happen, but you just have to familiarize yourself with it," says Tracy Fallaw, a sophomore.

April 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 20, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

The House has passed a bill requiring parents of children who fail state assessment tests at schools with unsatisfactory ratings to go to an orientation class. The classes held at the student's school would focus on discipline school policy, help available for students and the value of education. The classes would be offered during the school year or in the summer. The bill faces a routine third reading before being sent to the Senate.

April 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 23, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Governor Mark Sanford joined a rising trend among Southern governors today, holding a luncheon to help raise money for the United Negro College Fund. Most of the seven governors who have agreed this year to host similar fundraisers have been Republicans like Sanford. Sanford says he decided to host the event because it ties into two issues he's long championed _ education quality and school choice. He says quote -- "one size does not fit all" in education and historically black colleges in South Carolina represent a different choice in the education market place. Maurice Jenkins is senior vice president for the fund's Southern region. He says more than 75-thousand dollars was raised during today's event. The money will be used to provide scholarships to students attending the state's historically black colleges and universities.

April 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 24, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Greenwood County school trustees decided early this morning the principal of Ware Shoals High School will be reassigned, after her arrest on obstruction of justice charges. School District attorney Bruce Davis says the superintendent will decide what Blackwell will do. Blackwell was arrested in January during an investigation into allegations of misconduct by the school's cheerleading coach. Investigators say Blackwell knew about the misconduct and failed to report it. The deputies say Blackwell tried to keep students and staff from talking with authorities. Blackwell has denied any wrongdoing. Jill Moore was arrested after authorities said she supplied cheerleaders with alcohol and cigarettes. Authorities say Moore encouraged cheerleaders to have sex with members of the National Guard. She denies the charges.

April 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Two of the world's wealthiest charitable foundations are spending 60 (m) million dollars to make education an issue in next year's presidential campaign. Bill Gates and Eli Broad hope their "Strong American Schools" project will encourage the presidential candidates to take bold stands on education even if it means angering their own constituencies. Organizers plan to talk about the initiative today in Columbia (South Carolina). The first Democratic debate of the 2008 election season takes place in Orangeburg (South Carolina) tomorrow. Broad says the campaign is designed to around the public and get them to see the need for education reform. He says he wants to hear more from the candidates than simply that they favor better schools and teachers.

April 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

President Bush is praising teachers for their efforts to shape the nation's future and hailing one in particular as the nation's Teacher of the Year. She is Andrea Peterson, a music teacher at Monte Cristo Elementary in Granite Falls, Washington. At a Rose Garden ceremony, Bush described how Peterson built the school's music program "almost from scratch" and integrated music into other subjects. He called Peterson an example of teachers who routinely go above and beyond their duties. The president also remembered the teachers at Virginia Tech, including one who was shot to death while barring the classroom door to allow student time to escape. First Lady Laura Bush, herself a former teacher, also praised teachers in the Gulf Coast region for creating "stable, nurturing classrooms" in areas still recovering from Hurricane Katrina.

April 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 27, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Students have always found ways to cheat, but school officials are on to a new method: digital media players like iPods. Principals report youngsters have been fairly crafty at concealing the compact devices under their clothing and listening for the scrolled-answers through an earbud. Some have concealed answers in the "lyrics" text files, where they're harder to spot. As a result, iPods and Zunes are being added to the list of gear banned during tests. In a lot of schools, that list already ranged from items like baseball caps to cell phones.

April 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 27, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Students and faculty at Clemson University came together to pinpoint ways to improve communication during an emergency Thursday night. This comes in light of Virginia Tech's recent tragedy. After the tragedy at Virginia Tech, many campuses are asking themselves "how would we have handled the same situation?" Josh Bell, Clemson Student Body President, said, "All we can do beyond healing and responding to what happened at Virginia Tech that affected students personally, is to figure out what Clemson would have done in a situation like that or any tragic situation like that or any tragic situation that would take place." Campus security officers said as technology improves, so should their method of communication. E-mails and text messages would be the cornerstone of getting the word out. William Daniel, Clemson University Fire/EMS Chief, said, "We want to keep it very simple and basic, but have some components to reach the people who depend on cell phones for more information." Aside from emergency plans, students feel more patrols and more lighting would make them safer. Tracy Ard, Safety Task Force Director, said, "There is an area near Lightsey Bridge- more lighting, more patrolled or watched." Some students say they feel it is up to themselves to stay safe. Andrew Davis, from the Clemson Conservatives, said, "Campus police departments don't have the man power to secure a whole entire campus, therefore the responsibility of self-defense falls back on the students." The university will compile concerns and suggestions. They will make any necessary changes to policy starting in the fall.

May 1, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 1, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

A 16-year-old student of West Oak High School was arrested after he allegedly made threats against students and faculty of the school, the Oconee County Sheriff's Office said Tuesday. The student was charged with disturbing school, and was in the custody of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. During a press conference, officials did not release the details of the threat or how the threat was made. However, they said the threats were general in nature- no person or school was specifically named. Dr. Valarie Truesdale, Superintendent of Oconee County Schools, said a large number of parents had checked their children out of classes at West Oak High School on Tuesday. She also said West Oak High School was on a modified lock-down, meaning the exterior of the school is protected, but inside the school, students are free to move around. "We've talked to several parents and students," said Lt. Travis Tilson from the Oconee County Sheriff's Office. "The communication lines are open." Law enforcement, in conjunction with school officials, will determine the amount of police presence required at schools across Oconee County in the coming days.

May 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 11, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Around 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, two students found a handwritten note in a girls' bathroom at Woodmont High School. It was entitled "hit list" and was addressed to the principal. The note contained vague threats toward seven male students, according to school officials, who say they are taking the note seriously. "We take all of these very seriously," said Oby Lyles, Director Of Communications for the Greenville County School District. "Whether it's a prank or not it's going to be automatic suspension with recommendations of expulsion." The "hit list" was turned over to the Greenville County Sheriff's Department. They say they plan to bulk up security at the school. Now, some parents say times have changed. "I did it growing up, but now you got to take it a little more serious than we did," said Sandy Thibaulty, one parent. While parents and school officials are unnerved some students think the note was a bad prank. "I think it is something you have to take serious since Virginia Tech," said ShaBritney Kearse, one student. "I also think it was just a prank and someone needs counseling because they are yelling for attention." The note contained threats toward seven male students. It was turned over to a teacher who forwarded the note to the school principal. The school administration has notified the threatened students, and is in the process of notifying their families. There were no direct threats against the students, and no mention of how the threat could be carried out. The sheriff's department is still investigating. The school administration is also conducting a separate investigation.

May 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 16, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

A House panel approved a bill today that would allow people to carry concealed weapons on school campuses. The bill advanced to the House Judiciary Committee on a 2 to 1 vote. Supporters say concealed weapon holders could prevent massacres like last month's slayings at Virginia Tech. A resident must be at least 21, undergo at least eight hours of handgun training, and pass criminal and mental background checks to obtain a concealed weapon permit in the state. Police chiefs of college campuses across South Carolina spoke against the measure. They say it would make it more difficult for officers to identify the bad guys when they arrive at a crime scene. The bill is --not-- expected to pass before the General Assembly adjourns for the year June Seventh.

June 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

At least two South Carolina colleges have decided to hold off on making decisions on how much to raise tuition until the Legislature passes a budget. Trustees at both Clemson University and Winthrop University say they can't set tuition rates until they know how much their schools will get from the state government. Lawmakers left Columbia Thursday without reaching an agreement on the state's \$7.4 billion spending plan. They will come back in a few weeks to try and pass a compromise. Some schools have already made tuition decisions. South Carolina State isn't raising its tuition. The University of South Carolina has tentatively agreed to a seven percent hike. The College of Charleston is increasing tuition by 7.5%, and Francis Marion University has agreed to a hike of just over seven percent.

June 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 20, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

A bill giving parents greater freedom to choose which public schools their children attend has been sent to the governor. The legislation says parents by the fall of 2009 will be able to enroll their child in a public school in any school district without paying tuition. Schools districts could turn down the requests if they don't have enough space.

June 25, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 25, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

For the first time, blacks are as well represented on college campuses in the South as they are in the region's population. That's according to a new fact book released by the Southern Regional Education Board, a nonprofit organization that promotes education. In the 16 states measured, blacks make up 21% of college students and 19% of the population. The number represents progress but it also has to be seen in context. A major contributing factor is the South's rapidly growing Hispanic population, which has reduced the proportion of the population that is black. That's made the milestone easier to reach mathematically. Overall, black enrollment rates for college-age students, while improving, still lag well behind those of whites, as do the graduation rates of black college students.

June 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 26, 2007	5:00a-9:00a	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Tighter rules are in place to make student loan practices more transparent throughout the University of North Carolina system. The new rules are meant to prevent incidents like those discovered in New York, where the attorney general's office found schools were accepting gifts and other benefits in exchange for recommending lenders. The guidelines for the 16-campus system in North Carolina ban gifts from lenders to financial aid officers and require more transparency in the handling of student loans. Financial aid officers must provide families with the names of at least three lenders. The lenders should provide the best deal for the family. Families also can recommend lenders not listed by the state. Loan officers say the rules provide clarity.

Attachments



Environment

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
April 8, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The state Forestry Commission today says a red flag alert has been issued for all counties of South Carolina. Commission spokesman Ken Cabe says stiff winds and low relative humidity this weekend may create dangerous conditions. Residents are asked to postpone outdoor burning until the conditions improved. While burning isn't prohibited by a red flag alert, it is a violation of state law to allow a fire to escape. Such fires can result in fines and court costs of more than 450-dollars.

April 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 9, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Federal and state officials are taking inventory Monday of South Carolina's crops after record low temperatures over the weekend. The U.S. Agriculture Department is leading the effort to evaluate peaches and other crops that might have been affected when temperatures dipped to the mid to low 20's Saturday. That broke the previous record of 31 degrees in 1983. Farmers don't know yet if their efforts to save their crops were successful. Stacey Hardy of Hardy Berry Farm in Anderson County says her family has been up four nights trying to protect the peaches, blueberries and strawberries. The average low temperature for this time of year ranges from 45 degrees in the upstate to about 50 degrees on the coast. Most locations were at least ten degrees below normal this weekend.

April 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 11, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Investigators have worked around the clock to slow down a brush fire burning in Pickens County. It started two days ago at the Jocassee Gorge State Park. As of Tuesday night, the fire was not threatening any homes, but volunteers from all over the state have worked to contain the fire since it started Monday morning. More than forty acres have burned. According to the South Carolina Forestry Commission, firefighters respond to more than 4,000 forest fires each year. Those fires destroy about 24,000 acres a year across South Carolina. The forestry commission estimates more than 98-percent of forest fires are caused by human activities. Meanwhile South Carolina fire departments respond to more than 20,000 individual grass, brush, or rubbish fires each year.

April 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 16, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Trees fell over onto roads taking everything down in their path, including power lines. "The television said boom! When I came out the tree was laying in the yard and I said, 'Oh! My Lord,'" said Daniel Montgomery, one home owner. When Montgomery walked out of his front door he was greeted by a huge tree lying in his front yard and onto the street and across power lines. "My eyes lit up like a Christmas tree," said Montgomery. In fact, dozens of people across town experienced the same thing as winds whipped through Spartanburg. "We've been going since 9 o'clock last night. It's been constant with calls. Maybe three or four an hour," said Mark Ford, with the city's cleanup department. Cleanup crews say about 10 roads were closed because of fallen trees. Dozens of people were without power. "All of the power is gone and the telephone is gone too. There is nothing in the house. Everything is black," said Montgomery. Spartanburg says about an inch-and-a-half of rain over

the weekend. Add that to 35 miles per hour winds, and the trees were destined to come falling down. As of now, cleanup crews say all the roads are clear and they will pick up debris as the week continues.

April 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 18, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

The Easter weekend cold snap not only affected farms, but also had an impact on crops at agricultural research stations across North Carolina. While farmers lament their losses, agronomists and other scientists are trying to learn from how the plants survived or suffered from the unseasonable weather. The four-day cold snap that began April sixth came after an unusually warm spell that stimulated many plants to begin their spring growth cycle. Tender buds, blooms and early fruit were frostbitten. One student working on her doctorate in horticultural science at North Carolina State University will lose some data from her experiments on orchard floor management. Julia Buckelew had planned to study the yield from 2-year-old peach trees to see the impact of irrigation systems and herbicidal strips. Instead, the trees' ready-to-bloom flowers were killed.

May 1, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 1, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

It's another clear blue day in South Carolina, nice if you are doing things outside. Not so good for farmers and others who need rain. Drought is again tightening its grip on the state. South Carolina has had drought conditions at times during eight of the last ten years. State climatologist Hope Mizzell says if there is --no-- rain in the next few days, the state drought response committee will likely meet to discuss things. The Savannah River basin and the Catawba River basin are already in the lowest level of drought _ an incipient drought. Those levels could be raised and other areas added if the weather stays dry.

May 1, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 1, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Santee Cooper officials say additional environmental studies will likely delay the opening of a new power plant in Florence County by a little over a year. Santee Cooper initially hoped to have the coal-fired plant near Kingsburg running by 2012. But Santee Cooper President and C-E-O Lonnie Carter says the utility has decided to have an environmental impact statement done on the site, likely delaying the plant's opening by 14 to 18 months. Carter says the utility wants to make sure everything possible is done to protect the environment around the site. Santee Cooper says the new plant is needed to keep up with the demand for electricity along South Carolina's rapidly growing coast.

May 7, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 7, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Rescue crews have twice searched the debris-strewn yards and splintered homes that once held Greensburg's 1,500 residents. They began a third sweep Monday to secure the area before families who lost almost everything were to be allowed back in. Not much remained in Greensburg to go back to. The F5 tornado, the most powerful to hit the U.S. in eight years, demolished every business on the main street. Churches lost their steeples, trees were stripped of their branches, and neighborhoods were left unrecognizable. Officials estimate as much as 95 percent of the town was destroyed. At least 10 people died in the storms. "We've been over the town twice now - all of our partners around the state, the experts from cities with technical search-and-rescue," Maj. Gen. Todd Bunting, the state's adjutant general, said in a cable news interview Monday morning. "We've done everything we can. "Some of this rubble is 20, 30 feet deep. That's where we've spent all our efforts, and we'll do it again to day." Gov. Kathleen Sebelius was in Greensburg on Monday, and Federal Emergency Management Agency director R. David Paulison planned to tour the devastation for the first time since the tornado hit Friday night. President Bush declared parts of Kansas a disaster area, freeing up federal money to aid the recovery. "There's a certain spirit in the Midwest of our country, a pioneer spirit that still exists, and I'm confident this community will be rebuilt," the president said. The storm system that swept south-central Kansas also spawned tornadoes in Illinois, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Nebraska, and the heavy rain created flooding dangers across the region Monday. In western Oklahoma, at least eight homes were destroyed, several more were damaged and one person was injured. A woman was briefly trapped when her mobile home was blown off its foundation in

Seminole, said sheriff's dispatcher Terry Thomason. In Greensburg, only the residents were being allowed back into town on Monday, and they had to leave by 6 p.m. Law enforcement officials planned to check identification and compile a list of people whose whereabouts were still unknown. Since the tornado hit, emergency responders have had little indication of how many people may be safe with friends or relatives elsewhere. Bunting said he believed everyone had been found, but fresh search dogs were still being brought in from Missouri to continue the hunt for possible survivors and victims amid the debris. Paramedic Annette Gasten and her German shepherd, Greta, spent a grim weekend searching the wreckage. "Even though I have been to other disasters, this one was a lot worse - the amount of damage," Gasten said. "It is such a large area that was destroyed that it made it difficult." The tornado's wind was estimated to have reached 205 mph as it carved a track 1.7 miles wide and 22 miles long. The National Weather Service classified it an F-5, the highest category and the first since the weather service revised its scale this year in an effort to more comprehensively gauge tornadoes' damage potential, with less emphasis on wind speed. The last tornado classified as an F-5 hit the Oklahoma City area on May 3, 1999, killing 36 people. In Kansas, the governor said the state's response was limited by the shifting of emergency equipment, such as tents, trucks and semi-trailers, to the war in Iraq. "Not having the National Guard equipment, which used to be positioned in various parts of the state, to bring in immediately is really going to handicap this effort to rebuild," she said. Sharon Watson, a spokeswoman for the adjutant general's office, which manages state resources during emergencies, said the state has a shortage of heavy equipment transport trailers, pallet-sized loading systems, Humvees, dump trucks and other large equipment that would be help move massive amount of debris. "We are never at 100 percent because we are allocated a certain amount from the National Guard Bureau. With the war, we are much shorter than we would be. We have about 40 percent of what is allocated," Watson said. The Federal Emergency Management Agency was bringing in travel trailers to house some of the town's residents. There was no indication when people would be able to move into those trailers, though, because the area was choked with debris and the town had no clean water. School superintendent Darin Headrick said classes will be canceled for the rest of the academic year in Greensburg, and graduation would be held elsewhere. City Administrator Steve Hewitt said his job Monday would be to get city government working again. He said he needed to find employees, get purchase orders out, pay employees and bills - in short, create commerce again in Greensburg. "Get government going - that is our No. 1 priority," Hewitt said.

May 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 9, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

A bill meant to reduce the cost of coastal insurance received key approval today in the House. The legislation is in response to insurance rates rising as much as 400 percent in hurricane-prone areas. Insurers have dumped policies and raised premiums along the coast, leaving thousands of property owners uninsured or struggling to pay for protection. House Labor Commerce and Industry Chairman Harry Cato says the insurance-friendly proposals already have helped stabilize the market. He says some insurance companies that had planned to cancel more policies decided not to. The bill would offer sales and income tax breaks to residents who make their homes more hurricane resistant. It creates a matching grant program for homeowners to apply for up to five thousand dollars. It also requires insurers give premium discounts for storm upgrades.

May 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 9, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

A special committee says all of South Carolina is in the beginning stages of a drought. The Drought Response Committee put the entire state in an incipient drought yesterday. That's the first of four drought stages. The group is warning water system managers to closely monitor their reservoirs. The Department of Natural Resources also will begin to more carefully monitor conditions across the state. The dry weather is causing the most problems for farmers and foresters. Officials say South Carolina will have the potential for significant wildfires until the state gets more rain.

June 14, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 14, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Severe storms caused power outages and confusion at one intersection in Greenville County when traffic lights went out. The loss of power even caused some nearby businesses to close early. "We could not cook and the hood shut off. The air conditioning was not working, the credit card machine was not working," said Chin Saiyude the owner of Sweet Basil. The outages made serving customers difficult. Saiyude said when the power takes a hit, so does the business. Since credit card machines were down, most meals were on the house, but customers who came after the outage were turned away. Business down the street at Charlie's Barbeque was extremely slow with empty seats a common site. "We can't get into the register. Everything else pretty much runs off charcoal, hickory and propane," said Nathan Gibson of Charlie's Barbeque. Despite few customers one gas station stayed open by running business the old fashioned way. "It's a real inconvenience. We have cash only, and we don't know when we'll be up and running," said Kathy Lawyer of Spinx Gas Station. The Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport was also left in the dark. A spokesman for the airport said they were running on a generator for much of Thursday night.

June 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 18, 2007	5:00-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Parts of the Carolinas are suffering high ozone levels today. It could cause problems for people with respiratory conditions and sinus problems. Health officials in South Carolina have issued a code orange, meaning people with breathing problems should stay indoors as much as possible. The North Carolina Division of Air Quality has declared ozone levels at "Code Red" levels in some areas, and officials say everyone should avoid prolonged outdoor activity. Temperatures are in the 90s in most areas in North and South Carolina.

June 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 23, 2007	5-9am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION:

Property owners along Wild Dunes north of Charleston agree they need sand to renourish their rapidly eroding beach. But they also face the costly predicament of where to get the sand just like other beachfront communities up and down South Carolina coast. The sand could be taken from a sandbar, a sand shoal just off shore or dredged from the bottom far offshore. Other property owners and environmentalists don't like the less expensive sandbar and sand shoal options, while digging up sand from far offshore could cost a million dollars a year with no guarantees the sand will stay past the next big hurricane or intense winter storm.

June 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

We're becoming a society of reduce, reuse and recycle. Now earth-friendly lifestyles are also being taken to the grave. Avoiding the ecological impacts of toxic embalming fluids and the costs associated with contemporary burials, some are turning back to the simple way we were laid to rest generations ago. Dr. Bill Campbell of the Ramsey Creek Preserve in Westminster conducts "green burials." The grave markers in his memorial nature park blend in with the scenery and loved ones can be laid to rest among the wildflowers or along a creek. He says, "We just take a more traditional approach without embalming, and using a plain pine box or a shroud. It's just simpler and I think it's more in keeping with Biblical teachings like Genesis 3:19 'Dust thou art to dust thou shalt return.'" According to the Green Burial Council South Carolina is one of only nine states in which cemetery and funeral providers offer green burials.

Attachments



Government

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

April 10, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 10, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

U-S House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn will become the first black member of the U-S House to address the South Carolina General Assembly just after noon. Clyburn is the third-highest ranking member of the U-S House. In 1992 he was the first black elected to Congress from South Carolina since Reconstruction. The state's delegation in Washington is dominated by four Republicans in the House and two in the Senate. But Democrats Clyburn and U-S Representative John Spratt have the most clout there. Spratt is chairman of the House Budget Committee. Clyburn will be speaking before a Republican-dominated crowd. The G-O-P has controlled both chambers of the General Assembly since 2001. Charleston Senator Robert Ford and Denmark Representative Bakari Sellers asked Clyburn to speak.

April 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 16, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Senate panel approved its version of the state's 7-point-3 (b) billion-dollar budget today, adding a grocery sales tax cut and more money for school nurses. As expected, an 81 (m) million-dollar income tax cut for the state's top earners was --not-- part of the plan the Senate Finance Committee passed. Governor Mark Sanford supported the income tax cut and urged senators to reintroduce the proposal when the full body debates the state spending bill later this month. House and Senate members will then meet to work out the differences.

April 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 17, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

State Senator John Courson says he wants to create a committee of law enforcement and education officials to discuss how to make South Carolina schools safer. Courson told the Senate Education Committee today the shooting rampage at Virginia Tech prompted the idea. The Columbia Republican wants to involve colleges and universities as well as representatives from elementary and secondary schools. Courson wants to hold the meetings in August.

April 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The Senate has approved a bill to condemn 18-hundred acres on the Savannah River and create a commission to work with Georgia to develop a new port. The Savannah River Maritime Commission would be consist of the governor, legislators and agency directors. The bill approved by the Senate yesterday is similar to legislation already approved by the House. The bill directs the South Carolina State Ports Authority to continue condemnation of land on the Jasper County side of the river. The Senate added a provision to create an infrastructure fund to help Jasper County pay for things such as police and fire protection that result from building the port. Last month the governors of the two states announced plans to work together to develop a 500 (m) million dollar terminal on the site.

April 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Federal gun regulations suggest that a judge's ruling on the mental health of the Virginia Tech gunman should have barred the man from buying the handguns used in the massacre. Cho Seung-Hui's (joh sung-weez) two gun purchases were subject to federal and state background checks, which turned up no problems. That happened even though a judge ruled in December 2005 that Cho "presents an imminent danger to himself as a result of mental illness." The judge ordered outpatient treatment. Federal regulations bar the sale of guns to individuals who have been judged "mentally defective," including people who pose a danger to themselves. But Virginia's standard is slightly different. State police say the sales would have been barred under state law only if the judge had committed Cho to a psychiatric hospital.

April 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 20, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Governor Mark Sanford has turned on a "spending clock" outside his office which he says shows how quickly the proposed budget would spend new money coming into state coffers. The clock is a computer monitor with a spending tally that increases 33 dollars per second. The clock was turned on three days ago and showed nearly seven (m) million dollars this afternoon. The House has offered an 81 (m) million dollar income tax cut, while the Senate was to cut the sales tax on groceries. Sanford says lawmakers should do both to get more of the expected one (b) billion dollars in new revenues back to taxpayers.

April 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 26, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina Republican Party Chairman Katon Dawson says Fox News will have a say in which candidates get to participate in a Republican presidential debate next month. Dawson says he understands there is --not-- room for everyone on a nationwide political stage for a Republican presidential debate. Presidential hopefuls must file with the state G-O-P and pay their primary entry fee by May First to qualify to participate in the May 15th debate in Columbia. Fox News and the Republican Party have agreed on the criteria set for the candidates to participate in the debate. Candidates much have at least a one percent showing of support in a state or national poll to participate. State law leaves it up to the political parties to conduct presidential primaries.

April 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 26, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Arizona Senator John McCain are the clear leaders among Republican hopefuls in the South Carolina primary. Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney is the only other candidate to receive double-digit support, according to a new FOX News poll. Opinion Dynamics Corp. conducted the telephone poll of 600 likely South Carolina Republican primary voters for FOX News from April 1 to April 3. There is a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points for results based on the entire sample. The poll finds that Giuliani received the backing of 26 percent and McCain 25 percent of South Carolina Republican primary voters. Romney has the support of 14 percent. In the next tier of candidates, 5 percent of likely voters say they will support former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, which is most notable because voters volunteered his name even though he is not an announced candidate and therefore was not included in the list of vote choices read. All other candidates receive the support of 2 percent or less, and 16 percent are undecided. Men are slightly more likely to support Giuliani (28 percent) over McCain (21 percent), while among women, McCain (29 percent) has the edge over Giuliani (24 percent). Born-again Christian voters split their support between Giuliani (25 percent) and McCain (25 percent), with about one of 10 backing Romney (13 percent). Given that voting in the primary is about 10 months away, many voters - 62 percent - say they may change their mind about which candidate to support. Three in 10 voters (30 percent) say they are certain to support their current choice. Among Giuliani voters, 35 percent say they are certain to vote for him in the primary, while 30 percent of McCain voters and 20 percent of Romney voters say their mind is already made up. Despite there being 10 announced Republican contenders, there is little satisfaction among voters with their choices. Only 7 percent say they are "extremely" satisfied and 16 percent "very" satisfied with the choice of candidates in the primary. Twice as many say they are either "somewhat" (41 percent) or "not very" satisfied (28 percent). FOX News and the South Carolina Republican Party will jointly host a 2008 presidential debate of top Republican contenders on May 15, 2007. The most important issue to South Carolina voters in the GOP primary election is crystal clear: Iraq. Almost four in 10 voters (37 percent) say Iraq is the top issue to their vote - more than five times as many as cite any other issue. Fully 70 percent of South Carolina Republican primary voters approve of the job George W. Bush is doing as president, and 75 percent support the war in Iraq, including 47 percent that "strongly" support the war.

April 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 27, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A Democratic consultant says no one made any significant mistake in Thursday night's first presidential debate in Orangeburg. Erik Smith says no one distinguished themselves, either. Front-runners Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama were on the receiving end of a couple of jabs in the debate at South Carolina State University. However, the candidates were mostly complimentary toward each other. Clinton said she thought Obama was right when he outlined his plan for Iraq. Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd praised Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich for declaring his commitment to abortion rights. Delaware Senator Joe Biden said he thought there were a bunch of winners on the stage. Their biggest target was President Bush. They universally condemned the failures in Iraq.

May 2, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 3, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

President Bush's veto of an Iraq war spending bill that set timelines for U.S. troop withdrawals puts new pressure on Democrats in Congress to craft a compromise even as their caucus grows more fractious on the topic. The party's most liberal members, especially in the House, say they will vote against money for continuing the war if there's no binding language on troop drawdowns. Bush and almost all congressional Republicans continue to insist on a spending bill with no strings attached on troop movements. Bush on Tuesday rejected legislation pushed by

Democratic leaders that would require the first U.S. combat troops to be withdrawn by Oct. 1 with a goal of a complete pullout six months later. "This is a prescription for chaos and confusion and we must not impose it on our troops," Bush said in a nationally broadcast statement from the White House. "It makes no sense to tell the enemy when you plan to start withdrawing." The standoff gives Republicans leverage, because even with the liberals' votes, Democrats don't have enough support to override Bush's veto. It will force Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to seek more Republican help in drafting a new bill that Bush might accept, her allies and opponents say. "I think the Democrats are in a box," Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., said in an interview Tuesday. "We're pretty resolute on our side. We are not going to tie this funding to any type of withdrawal deadline or any type of redeployment deadline." Some Democrats believe the GOP solidarity will crack over time, noting that polls show heavy public support for a withdrawal plan. Lawmakers in both parties agree that a workable compromise is a huge challenge in the coming days or weeks. Because Democrats control the House and Senate, the pressure is mainly on them to craft a bill that Bush will sign, and thus avoid accusations that they failed to finance troops in a time of war. Many Democrats say a new spending bill must include so-called benchmarks for progress in Iraq that, if not met, would trigger movements of U.S. troops out of the country or perhaps to non-urban areas that see little sectarian violence. A new spending bill "has got to be tied to redeployment," said Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., the House's fourth-ranking Democratic leader. Emanuel conceded, however, that Democrats have yet to figure out where they will find the votes. The situation frustrates Democrats, who won control of the House and Senate in an election that largely focused on Iraq. Moreover, Democrats showed impressive solidarity in passing the bill that Bush vetoed Tuesday, losing only 14 House Democrats while holding 216. Top Democrats say they have no hope of replicating that showing once they begin making even modest concessions in response to Bush's veto. That makes them dependent on Republican help to some degree - perhaps a lot. As long as most GOP lawmakers stick with the president, "the question is how much policy and change we can push in Iraq," Emanuel said. In his veto statement Tuesday, Bush again rejected the notion of an "artificial deadline" for troop withdrawals. But he added, "I'm confident that with good will on both sides we can agree on a bill that gets our troops the money and flexibility they need, as soon as possible." Pelosi, who was to join Republican and Democratic leaders from both houses in a meeting with Bush on Wednesday, told reporters after Bush's remarks: "The president wants a blank check. The Congress is not going to give it to him." Democrats will work with the White House, she said, "but there is great distance between us right now." Numerous possible compromises are being floated on Capitol Hill, all involving some combination of benchmarks. Some would require Bush to certify monthly that the Iraqi government is fully cooperating with U.S. efforts in several areas, such as giving troops the authority to pursue extremists. Others would require an Iraqi-run program to disarm militias and a plan to distribute oil revenues fairly. The key impasse in Congress is whether to require redeployments of U.S. troops if the benchmarks are not met. Many Democrats insist on it, and many Republicans vow not to budge. "Our members will not accept restraints on the military," House Minority Whip Roy Blunt of Missouri told reporters Tuesday. He suggested tying benchmarks to continued U.S. nonmilitary aid to Iraq, an idea that many Democrats consider too weak. Under another proposal being floated, unmet benchmarks would cause some U.S. troops to be removed from especially violent regions such as Baghdad. They would redeploy to places in Iraq where they presumably could fight terrorists but avoid the worst centers of Sunni-Shia conflict. Still another possibility would change the bill that Bush vetoed only by allowing the president to waive the redeployment requirements under certain conditions. Senate Republicans show a bit more interest in compromise than do their House colleagues, in part because several of them face tough re-elections next year in competitive states. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky told reporters Tuesday that his party will accept benchmarks. But he declined to say whether he would agree to binding consequences if such benchmarks go unmet. "You've asked me if there is an area where there's a potential common ground," McConnell said, "and I think benchmarks are a possibility."

May 3, 2007
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Description:

The Republicans get their chance Thursday night. Ten GOP candidates for president will square off in a 90-minute debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. The debate is being sponsored by

MSNBC and The Politico. One GOP strategist has some advice for frontrunners Rudy Giuliani, John McCain and Mitt Romney: "This is batting practice. Don't get hurt." The three heavyweights are expected to play up their accomplishments and outline their visions for the future. Lesser-known candidates like Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas and former Governors Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin and Jim Gilmore of Virginia are simply looking for respect. The Democratic candidates held a similar debate last week.

May 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 9, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina lawmakers have 240 (m) million dollars more to spend in the state budget following an increase today in revenue estimates. The state Board of Economic Advisors estimated that the state will collect 120 (m) million dollars more this fiscal year than it projected. That's largely due to increase sales and income tax collections. Projected to next year, the increase gives state budget writers an extra 240 (m) million dollars to spend in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. House and Senate members will use the updated figures in the coming weeks as they hash out the difference in their spending plans. The 240 (m) million dollars is in addition to the one-point-three (b) billion in extra revenues already put in their plans.

May 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Republican presidential contenders defended their conservative credentials tonight, countering attacks on their stances on abortion, gun control and tax cuts. Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney says he had signed legislation into law banning assault weapons but added that he is a supporter of the rights of gun owners under the Constitution's Second Amendment. Arizona Senator John McCain of Arizona says he'll make sure that President Bush's tax cuts were made permanent, even though he voted against them when they were passed in 2001. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani says he ultimately believes in a woman's right of choice but I think there are ways we can look for ways to reduce abortions. 1 of the contenders lagging in the polls took jabs at the front-runners. Asked whether he believes McCain, Romney and Giuliani were soft on immigration, Colorado Representative Tom Tancredo of Colorado said, "I do."

May 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The three leading Republican presidential candidates worked to establish their conservative credentials in a debate among ten candidates last night in Columbia. Republican strategist Joe Gaylord says last night's debate was more contentious than the Republicans' first gathering in California earlier this month. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Arizona Senator John McCain and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney were targeted by the other seven candidates in the debate. The first debate in California on May Third was a mostly polite affair filled with Ronald Reagan references. Gaylord says he thought last night's debate was more enlightening. Gaylord is close to former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who is considering joining the crowded presidential field.

May 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina's two US senators have joined Governor Mark Sanford in asking for a disaster declaration after April's late freeze ruined much of the state's peach, wheat and other crops. Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weather says officials estimate the freeze damaged at least \$115 million of crops statewide. At least 90% of the

state's \$40 million peach crop was wiped out. A disaster declaration from the US Department of Agriculture would allow eligible farmers to qualify for low-interest emergency loans and other disaster assistance to cover their losses. The US Agriculture Departments says Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina Tennessee and Arkansas have also made requests for the disaster declaration.

May 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Key senators and the White House reached agreement Thursday on an immigration overhaul that would grant quick legal status to millions of illegal immigrants already in the U.S. and fortify the border. The plan would create a temporary worker program to bring new arrivals to the U.S. A separate program would cover agricultural workers. New high-tech enforcement measures also would be instituted to verify that workers are here legally. The compromise came after weeks of painstaking closed-door negotiations that brought the most liberal Democrats and the most conservative Republicans together with President Bush's Cabinet officers to produce a highly complex measure that carries heavy political consequences. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said he expects Bush to endorse the agreement. The accord sets the stage for what promises to be a bruising battle next week in the Senate on one of Bush's top non-war priorities. The key breakthrough came when negotiators struck a bargain on a so-called "point system" that would for the first time prioritize immigrants' education and skill level over family connections in deciding how to award green cards. The draft bill "gives a path out of the shadows and toward legal status for those who are currently here" illegally, said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. A spokesman for Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., one of his party's key players in the talks, confirmed that the group had reached agreement.

May 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 18, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Former President Bill Clinton is to headline an NAACP fund-raiser this afternoon in Columbia that political observers say will help his candidate wife and the civil rights organization. Lonnie Randolph with the state chapter of the NAACP says Clinton continues to be influential, by working on programs important to blacks, such as fighting diabetes and AIDS. Randolph says Clinton broke the mold of white Democratic politicians who stay as far away from the African-American community as they can except for the week before an election. Nearly half of South Carolina's Democratic primary voters are black. NAACP organizers say New York Senator Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign has nothing to do with her husband's appearance.

June 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 11, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

One fine has been issued in Hilton Head Island for a violation of the city's six-week-old smoking ban. Town code enforcement officers went to a bar called The Lodge twice last month. The court case led to fines of \$775 for violations of the smoking ban. Hilton Head town attorney Brian Hulbert said the court case sent a message about the ban's validity. The town is among at least nine governments across the state that ban indoor smoking. A similar ban failed to pass the state Legislature this year. Two differing court opinions on whether state law allows local governments to pass such bans are headed to the South Carolina Supreme Court.

June 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 12, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Governor Mark Sanford is "leaning against" signing a proposal requiring taxpayers to foot the bill for the upcoming presidential primaries in South Carolina. Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said today the Republican governor is leaning against it because presidential primaries are party events. South Carolina is the only state where political parties were expecting to pay for the presidential primaries next year. Under the bill, the state would run the primaries and pay the two million dollar tab, but the parties would still set their date. South Carolina is expected to hold the first primaries in the South. Democratic Party executive director Joe Werner says South Carolina will play a pivotal role in choosing the next president. He says the state taking over the primaries will give voters confidence they're as fair as possible.

June 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Heading into Father's Day weekend, presidential hopeful Senator Barack Obama's message during his visit to the upstate was one of strengthening families. Addressing members of the predominately African-American church, Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Spartanburg, Senator Obama said declining benefits, an inflation that has gone global and a government that has left American families vulnerable. "Without a doubt, the hardest hit have been those families who were most vulnerable to begin with," Obama said. "They are families who live in inner-cities and remote rural areas. They are disproportionately African-American and Latino." He said the government alone can't legislate healthy families, good parenting or economic success. "There is not a program for every problem we face. It will take responsibility and sacrifice from the American people. Parents will need to make sure their kids turn off the TV once in a while," Obama said. Touting more resources for education and his Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act, Obama told the audience government can eliminate some of the roadblocks families face. He recognized the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families. He said that organization encourages fathers to take responsibility for their children, and has connected countless impoverished fathers with employment opportunities. After leaving Spartanburg and shaking many hands along the way, Senator Obama headed to his Greenville Rally at McAlister Square.

June 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The cable TV series, "Army Wives" could leave South Carolina as quickly as it arrived because of the state's changing financial incentives. Makers of the Lifetime Television show being filmed in the Charleston area have written Governor Mark Sanford, threatening to switch locations. The network is upset the state Commerce Department cut the wage rebate for out-of-state residents. Mary Ann Hughes with Walt Disney Pictures says the company will have --no-- choice but to move to a state that doesn't have such limits. The Commerce Department's Coordinating Council approved a plan to cut rebates from 20% to ten percent for nonresidents beginning next month. Commerce Department spokesman says the change is designed to encourage companies to use South Carolina residents.

June 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 20, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Pushing back against the Democratic-led Congress, President Bush intends to veto a bill Wednesday that would have eased restraints on federally funded embryonic stem cell research - work that supporters say holds promise for fighting disease. At the same time, Bush will issue an executive order directing the Health and Human Services Department to promote research into cells that, like human embryonic stem cells, also hold the potential of regenerating into different types of cells that could help treat illness. White House spokesman Tony Fratto said Tuesday that Bush would outline an initiative that could make federal funding available for research on additional "pluripotent" stem cells - ones that can give rise to any kind of cell in the body except those required to develop a fetus. The president has accused majority Democrats of recycling an old measure that he already vetoed and argued that the bill would mean American taxpayers would - for the first time - be compelled to support the deliberate destruction of human embryos. "The president supports and encourages stem cell research - including using embryonic lines - as long as it does not involve creating, harming or destroying embryos," Fratto said. "That is an ethical line that should not be crossed." Democrats made the legislation a top priority when they took control of the House and Senate in January, but they don't have enough votes to override Bush's decision. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid appealed to Bush on Tuesday not to veto the bill. He said the measure acknowledges the ethical issues at stake and offers even stronger research guidelines than exist under the president's current policy. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi used Bush's veto threat as a reason to send out an e-mail letter soliciting contributions to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee to help elect more Democrats. "By vetoing a bill that expands stem cell research, the president will say 'no' to the more than 70 percent of Americans who support it, 'no' to our Democratic Congress' fight for progress, and 'no' to saving lives and to potential cures for diseases such as

diabetes and Parkinson's," Pelosi wrote. "He will say `no' to hope." In light of the veto, Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., who planned to be at the White House event, sought support for a stem cell bill he is sponsoring. It has passed the Senate but has not yet been taken up by the House. "My stem cell bill, which passed the Senate with broad bipartisan support, offers a clear alternative for our colleagues in the House to significantly expand federally funded stem cell research, while ensuring no taxpayer dollars are used for the destruction of human embryos," Coleman said. Coleman urged Democrats who favored the bill Bush was to veto to get behind his legislation. "Those who support the stem cell research bill ... are at a definitive crossroads," he said. "Do they seek to advance lifesaving research for millions of Americans suffering from serious disease or do they, in fact, prefer to keep stem cell research at a political stalemate?" This will be the third veto of Bush's presidency. His first occurred last year when he rejected legislation to allow funding of additional lines of embryonic stem cells - a measure that passed over the objections of Republicans then in control. Earlier this year, he vetoed legislation that would have set timetables for U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq. Opponents of the latest stem cell measure insisted that the use of embryonic stem cells was the wrong approach on moral grounds - and possibly not even the most promising one scientifically. They cite breakthroughs involving medical research conducted with adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood and amniotic fluid, none of which involve the destruction of a human embryo. The science aside, the issue has weighty political implications. Public opinion polls show strong support for the research, and it could return as an issue in the 2008 elections. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton appeared in Hanover, N.H., this week with a child who has diabetes and a paralyzed 23-year-old to urge Bush not to veto the bill. Last month, the issue was a topic at a debate with Republican presidential hopefuls in California. The bill Bush is vetoing passed Congress on June 7, drawing the support of 210 House Democrats and 37 Republicans. That was 35 votes fewer than needed to override a veto. The Senate cleared the bill earlier by a margin that was one vote shy of the two-thirds needed to overcome Bush's objections. According to the National Institutes of Health Web site, scientists were first able to conduct research with embryonic stem cells in 1998. There were no federal funds for the work until Bush announced on Aug. 9, 2001, that his administration would make the funds available for lines of cells that already were in existence.

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Description:

Governor Mark Sanford today named Columbia attorney Ken Wingate as interim state treasurer. Wingate takes over from Thomas Ravenel, who was suspended by the governor yesterday after Ravenel was indicted on federal drug charges. Sanford says he felt it was important to act immediately. He says Wingate has done a good job for him on the Higher Education Commission and on a commission that made cost-saving recommendations on state government. Sanford says Wingate will help in the search for a longer-term replacement. The 47-year-old Wingate is a certified public accountant and an attorney. He also served on Sanford's transition team following the governor's election. Wingate says he'll meet with the staff to discuss office operations.

June 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 20, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A bill overhauling the state's workers' compensation system is on its way to Governor Sanford's desk. If the bill becomes law, employers who lie about the work their employees do to save more than \$10,000 on insurance premiums would face up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine. The legislation also defines some injuries and clarifies how much can be paid for some disabilities. The Senate adopted the compromise bill yesterday and the House did the same today.

June 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 21, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

State Education Superintendent Jim Rex says he will ask the General Assembly to change the way public schools are funded. Rex spoke yesterday to the School Leadership Institute in Myrtle Beach. Rex says any progress the state makes in issues like student testing and school accountability could be crippled by a funding system that is

outdated and complex. He says only a few people in each school district understand how the system works. Rex says he'll send a proposal to lawmakers in September to deal with issues like public school choice, testing and accountability, and recruiting and keeping teachers. Rex says educators shouldn't get bogged down in political partisanship.

June 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

US Sen. Lindsey Graham says he worries more about doing the best job he can instead of any challengers for his seat in 2008. Graham has been criticized by people in his own party for several things since he was elected to the Senate in 2002. The most recent fight is over immigration reform. Graham has supported a bill that opponents, like South Carolina's other senator, Jim DeMint, decry as amnesty. Graham says he has heard the criticism and is not backing down. As far as his political future goes, Graham says he still lives by advice given to him by the late US Senator Strom Thurmond, whose seat he occupies: Always run like you're behind.

June 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 27, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Governor Mark Sanford gets to appoint the Transportation Department's executive under a bill he signed into law this morning. The new law also makes the highway agency part of his Cabinet. Sanford says the legislation is a step forward for an agency cited by a state audit last year for wasting money on contracts. He says the current agency's structure has failed South Carolina taxpayers. The bill doesn't give Sanford complete control. The department still is overseen by a commission and Sanford will --no-- longer appoint its chairman. But commissioners have to meet new standards. Sanford's appointee to that panel will now be able to vote. Sanford's office says the bill brings South Carolina in line with 41 other states where governors appoint highway agency heads.

February 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 20, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

North Charleston Representative Seth Whipper wants to increase the state's cigarette tax by 93 cents per pack. South Carolina has the lowest cigarette tax in the country, at seven cents per pack. The rate hasn't changed since 1977. Whipper says his proposal would raise the state's tax to the national average. The Democrat says the increase would benefit public health and the state budget. The proposal is backed by a coalition of business, community and health groups. It would generate an extra 225 (m) million dollars a year for a variety of programs, including children's health insurance, business insurance assistance and cancer research. Governor Mark Sanford has proposed a 30-cents-per-pack increase, with the money used to cut the state's top income tax rate.

February 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 26, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

There's still almost a year until South Carolina's primary, but eleven G-O-P hopefuls will face their first test with voters in Spartanburg County during a straw poll this week. Organizers aren't expecting more than two-thousand people to cast ballots. But residents' phones have been ringing with recorded candidate messages, and mailboxes are filling with glossy campaign brochures in the run-up to Thursday's vote. Spartanburg isn't alone in testing the early political tides. Long shot contender U-S Representative Duncan Hunter won a straw poll in January in an Arizona county, and his campaign has bragged about winning in McCain's home state.

March 1, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 1, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The campaign is already negative as Republican presidential candidates face their first test in today's Spartanburg County straw poll. Organizers expect fewer than two thousand people to participate. But candidates have been using phone banks and campaign brochures to reach potential voters. A Columbia newspaper reports there have been anonymous mailings critical of former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. One letter was a six-page attack on Romney's record on abortion, gun control, taxes and "conservative values." The State newspaper says an anonymous e-mail attacked Romney's Mormon faith and included a copy of a recent Associated Press story about how Romney's ancestors practiced polygamy. A Romney spokesman did --not-- immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

March 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 12, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The Senate is considering a set of bills to change the state's Freedom of Information laws. One proposal would require public officials to respond to Freedom of Information requests within ten working days, instead of 15. A second would prevent governments from charging more for copies than the prevailing local photocopy costs. A third would require officials to read a statement before going into closed meetings that they will discuss only what they have said they would and would --not-- take votes or polls. A fourth would restrict public bodies from adding items to a meeting agenda within 24 hours of the meeting unless the item was of "substantial public interest." A fifth would limit discussions of public business at chance or social meeting and through the Internet.

March 13, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 13, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Lawmakers have removed part of a proposal that would have given local governments the authority to restrict indoor smoking. Instead, senators approved a bill banning smoking on school property. Senator Darrell Jackson says the state should allow municipalities to ban smoking in bars and restaurants but that issue should be debated separately from the school smoking ban. The decision comes less than a week after a judge ruled Greenville's smoking ban violated state law. Judge John Few wrote that the state's smoking laws supersede anything local governments can do. His ruling came three months after another judge dismissed a lawsuit challenging a similar smoking ban in Sullivan's Island. Both sides say a decision from the state Supreme Court or legislative action could clear up the issue statewide.

March 14, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 14, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina House members have given key approval to a state budget that would cut income taxes, give state employees a pay raise and provide health insurance to poor children. Democrats tried unsuccessfully to remove a proposed 81 (m) million-dollar income tax cut from the 7-point-3 (b) billion-dollar budget. Tonight's vote was the key second nod given to the spending plan. Bills are rarely changed in the House before members take a so-called third reading needed for final approval. Though disappointed income tax relief went through, House Minority Leader Harry Ott voted for the budget anyway. Ott says he hopes lawmakers will eventually take a comprehensive look at the state's tax structure. The Senate begins budget debate next month.

March 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 16, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Several lawmakers upset over the election of a new transportation commissioner have protested the result. Joe Young of Georgetown has been chosen to represent the First Congressional District, but some legislators say he was elected without a formal meeting. Isle of Palms Senator Chip Campsen says the law requires legislators to meet for the election. He says the common practice has been for lawmakers to sign off on an appointment without meeting. Campsen says custom is --not-- more important than the law. He's sent a letter of protest to the secretary of state's office. The seat was vacated when the state Supreme Court ruled two commissioners were illegally re-elected. Governor Mark Sanford says the election shows the need for change in the way the agency is governed.

March 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 17, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina House members gave key approval Thursday to a state budget that would cut income taxes, give state employees a pay raise and provide health insurance to poor children. The \$7.3 billion budget passed despite lengthy debate on more than 300 proposed changes. Democrats tried unsuccessfully for three days to remove an \$81 million income tax cut, arguing the money would be better spent on health care, paving roads or other projects.

PRISONERS OF WAR: A South Carolina senator says the Pentagon needs to reinstate the term "prisoner of war" to properly recognize missing troops. A resolution advanced Wednesday to the state Senate floor asks the U.S. Congress to require the Defense Department to use the term "prisoner of war" instead of "missing/captured" as an official casualty status. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Ray Cleary, said veterans told him the new classification doesn't recognize what captured troops go through as prisoners of war.

ONLINE CLASSES: Students in public, private and home schools could take online courses for high school credit under legislation that received key approval Tuesday in the Senate. The proposal passed without debate after senators agreed to let students enroll in the state's virtual school program on a first-come, first-serve basis, rather than give priority to public school students.

OPEN GOVERNMENT: Public officials would have to respond to requests for documents faster and copying charges would be limited under new open-government legislation introduced in the state Senate. The bills improve the foundation of the Freedom of Information Act in South Carolina and help reporters do their jobs, Sen. Thomas Alexander, R-Walhalla, said Tuesday. Alexander and other legislators held a news conference at the Statehouse during Sunshine Week, a nationwide effort to draw attention to the public's right to know what's going on in government.

March 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

U-S House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn says he used his influence to land a second Democratic presidential primary debate for South Carolina. The January 2008 debate will be carried on C-N-N. The Congressional Black Caucus Institute announced this week it would hold two Republican and two Democratic primary debates. South Carolina snagged one of the Democratic debates at Clyburn's urging. Clyburn says once Democrats took control of the House and Senate in January he asked the institute to bring a debate to South Carolina. Clyburn created the institute when he led the caucus. He says the debate will likely happen in Charleston or Myrtle Beach.

March 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Arizona Senator John McCain has announced a South Carolina finance committee that plops him right into the middle of the monied Palmetto State establishment in his G-O-P presidential primary bid. Fourteen of the 40 finance committee members announced today previously raised money for then-Texas Governor George Bush's

2000 bid or his 2004 presidential re-election bid. McCain met with members of the committee during a trip to Florence a few weeks ago at the home of wealthy heart surgeon Eddie Floyd, a top Bush fundraiser in 2000 and 2004. Others on the committee, including those with --no-- past Bush fundraising ties, include Camden lawyer and developer John Rainey, Batesburg-Leesville poultry processor Bill Amick and George Dean Johnson, co-founder of the Spartanburg-based payday lender Advance America.

March 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Democrat John Edwards is back in South Carolina today for the third big visit after launching a presidential bid he hopes will bring his native state's voters back into his fold. The former North Carolina senator will attend a private fundraising luncheon this afternoon before holding a college tour event at Benedict College. Last week, the South Carolina Republican Party jumped the gun, sending out a press release bashing Edwards' views on taxes a week before the Democrat's visit. Party officials said the release was sent by mistake. Edwards' campaign says the last time he was in South Carolina was on February 8th, when he raised money in Charleston and held a town-hall meeting on health care.

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March 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Some lawmakers want an ultrasound machine in all abortion clinics, and they want women who want an abortion to look at the ultrasound pictures before making a final decision. "It does not do anything to a woman's choice, it just adds information. As many as 85-percent of women who do an ultrasound choose to keep the child," said senator Kevin Bryant. At the Anderson Crisis Pregnancy Center, ultrasound machines are used frequently to deter women from having an abortion, they say most of the time it works. "We try to show the baby and show the baby's heart beat and that a baby is a baby. Most of the time she changes her mind and that's where our heart is," said Julie Dixon, director of Anderson Crisis Pregnancy Center. However, while supporters of the bill say it gives women seeking abortions more information, opponents argue the bill is a barrier to a woman's choice and a tool of intimidation. Planned Parenthood is one of those groups. "This is a misguided bill that does nothing but harm and intimidates women at a very crucial time in their lives and to say they need more information is insulting," said Chris Hollis, from Planned Parenthood. Chris Hollis goes on to say the bill puts politics in front of sound medicine. Still, even some lawmakers say the bill is likely to pass as a natural addition to the states informed consent law. The bill is currently in the state senate. If it passes there and then through the state house, it could become law as early as June.

March 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 21, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

House Republicans pushed through a measure Tuesday that bans reporters from the floor of the chamber while lawmakers are in session. Reporters are now permitted to walk on to the floor to request an interview with a lawmaker outside the chamber. The change, introduced by House Speaker Glenn Richardson, would require reporters to seek interviews with lawmakers through student pages while lawmakers are in session. Reporters would be allowed on the floor immediately after the session is adjourned. Richardson said the measure puts the House in line with the state Senate, legislatures in other states and Congress. It passed by a 132-to-29 vote.

March 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 21, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The chairman of a commission says a lawmaker who sponsored a 500-thousand dollar grant for a nonprofit medical clinic failed to disclose his ties to the facility. The program that authorized the request has come under fire from

some lawmakers and Governor Mark Sanford, who say the program lacks oversight. The 22 (m) million dollar program allows local governments and nonprofit groups to apply for grants. It was created in 2005 to keep local projects out of the state budget. Spartanburg Representative Harold Mitchell sponsored the application for the Regenesi Community Health Center in Spartanburg. Mitchell is a nonvoting member of the Regenesi board. Commission Chairman Jimmy Bailey of Charleston says he would have rejected the grant if he had known about the relationship.

March 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 21, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The Ten Commandments could be posted in public buildings with other historical documents under a proposal on its way to the House floor. The bill would allow the Ten Commandments and the motto "In God We Trust" to be part of a 12-document display that includes an explanation of how they relate to the country's founding. The House Judiciary Committee approved the bill today after adding Martin Luther King Junior's "I Have a Dream" speech to the approved display. Others items include the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

March 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 21, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who is considering whether to run for president, said tonight that the personal lives of White House hopefuls shouldn't become an issue in the 2008 campaign. Earlier this month Gingrich went on Focus on the Family founder James Dobson's radio program to confess and seek forgiveness for his own extramarital affair committed while he pursued President Clinton's impeachment in the Monica Lewinsky scandal. The former Georgia congressman said he's received a positive response from colleagues and others. Before a speech at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Gingrich said that whoever the Democratic and Republican presidential nominees are, he hoped they would discuss issues in a bipartisan manner and at length -- not just in short sound bites in the media. Gingrich said he would consider running for president this fall and that he had no idea who the nominees from each party would be.

March 22, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 23, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Democratic presidential contender John Edwards says his wife's cancer has returned, but his campaign for the White House will continue. At a news conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with his wife Elizabeth by his side, Edwards told reporters "the campaign goes on strongly." Elizabeth Edwards was diagnosed with breast cancer in the final days of the 2004 presidential campaign. She underwent several months of radiation and chemotherapy. John Edwards said a biopsy of her rib showed the cancer was back and had spread to the bones. Once in the bones, it is not considered curable, though Edwards did call it "treatable." At today's news conference, Elizabeth Edwards said she doesn't feel "sickly" and described herself "as ready as any person can be" to deal with it. She said she encouraged her husband to continue the campaign.

March 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 23, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

President Bush vowed to veto a measure pushed through the House by Democrats on Friday that would order the commander-in-chief to withdraw U.S. combat troops from Iraq by September 2008. "I will veto it if it comes to my desk," Bush said from the White House Diplomatic Reception Room joined by family members of veterans and troops in combat. Bush called the measure by Democrats "an act of political theater voted to substitute their judgment for that of our military commanders on the ground in Iraq." Democrats won passage by a 218-212 vote on the \$124 billion war spending bill, which will fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bush has promised to veto the

measure. "Today, this Congress faces a historic vote. A vote to truly change the direction of the Iraqi conflict," said Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., just before the vote. Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, also called the vote "historic," urging colleagues to vote against the measure. "Our troops are on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, doing their duty to protect freedom and to end tyranny," House Minority Leader Boehner said. "They're there watching this debate we're having in the House today and wondering, 'Will Congress do its duty? Will Congress stand up and support the mission that I'm in?'" The vote puts Congress closer to a showdown with the White House over Bush's Iraq policy. Bush will veto the bill, White House spokesman Tony Snow told reporters at Friday's briefing. "Look, the president's going to veto this bill, and he's going to veto it because even though it provides some funding, it also puts handcuffs on generals, colonels, lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, corporals, privates, and everybody else," Snow said. Most Republicans opposed the Democrats' plan, which also included budget requests not related to war spending. "What we got instead was a poorly assembled wish list of non-emergency spending requests, wrapped in a date-certain declaration of defeat - a confirmation to our enemies that, if they hang on just a bit longer, we'll be out of their way soon," said Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., told fellow lawmakers a vote against the bill would be a vote against funding for the troops, health care and military families. "You're voting against supporting the troops if you're voting against the money that goes to the troops," Murtha said. Bush urged Congress to approve the bill without a timeline during a meeting Thursday with his Iraqi civilian reconstruction team. "The Congress owes you the money you need to do the job, without any strings attached," he said. "Congress needs to get their business done quickly, get the monies we've requested funded and let our folks on the ground do the job." Defense Secretary Robert Gates warned that if Congress fails to pass a measure funding the war efforts by April 15, it will slow down training of troops scheduled for future deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Gates says it would also delay repair of equipment. Meanwhile, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday approved a \$121 billion version of Bush's emergency war spending request, but bucked the White House by putting in language that sets a date-specific timeframe for withdrawing troops from Iraq. The Senate bill sets a March 31, 2008, goal for withdrawing all combat troops out of Iraq. The legislation, which also gobs on billions in special projects at home, now heads to the Senate floor for a vote by the full chamber. "I think the only way we can succeed in Iraq is by fundamentally changing the dynamic," said Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, who chairs the subcommittee that oversees military funding. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's measure to set a timeline for the withdrawal of troops failed last week by a 50-48 vote. The House measure is unlikely to get through the Senate unchanged, where many Democrats oppose a timetable on the war.

Attachments



Jobs, Economy, Growth

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH**

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April 5, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 5, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A textile company that closed its doors in part because of a deadly train wreck and chemical release has reached an agreement to sell its remaining assets, including buildings and land. Avondale Mills' announcement comes one year after the company ended operations, citing increased competition and the train wreck. A Norfolk Southern train plowed into parked railroad cars on a side track in 2005, causing a toxic cloud of chlorine to spread over Graniteville and the Avondale Mills plants. The release killed nine people, six of them mill employees, and injured hundreds of others. The corrosive chlorine also caused significant damage to the company's equipment. A subsidiary of the Aiken Housing Authority and a group led by developer Weldon Wyatt created a partnership to purchase the property. They expect to close on the deal by July First.

April 9, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 9, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

State officials say Adidas and its recently acquired Reebok brand will bring 12-hundred jobs to Spartanburg with its new 150 (m) million dollar center in Spartanburg. The sports apparel and sneaker distribution center will be built as the company closes centers in Massachusetts, Tennessee and Kentucky. Reebok U-S president Bob Munroe says the majority of the 375 jobs to be cut at the four distribution centers due to be closed will be shifted to Spartanburg. Germany-base Adidas completed it three-point-eight (b) billion dollar acquisition of Canton-based Reebok this January. The company hopes the move will double its U-S business and narrow Nike Incorporated's market leadership.

April 10, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 10, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

South Carolina is posed to help the Southeast start its day with a jolt. Starbucks and state officials today announced the global coffee purveyor has plans to build a roasting and distribution plant in St. Matthews, about 15 miles from the state capital. Coffee beans would be sent to the 150-thousand-square-foot plant. That's where they'd be roasted and packaged for shipment to the region's 22-hundred Starbucks stores and other coffee sellers. Starbucks senior vice president Peter Gibbons says the new facility will help the company meet increasing demand for its premium coffees. He says it also allows Starbucks to support its growth in the Southeast. Officials say the plant would begin operating in 2009 and create 160 new jobs.

April 18, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 18, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The unemployment rate in South Carolina has dropped below the six percent mark for the first time in more than four years. The Employment Security Commission says today the jobless rate last month was five-point-nine percent. That's down two tenths of one percent point from February. It's the first time the unemployment rate has been less than six percent in South Carolina since September, 2002. The national unemployment rate dropped from four-point-five percent to four-point-four percent in March. The commission says the leisure and hospitality sector added 45-hundred jobs. Retail trade added 34-hundred jobs. Marion County had the highest unemployment rate at eleven-point-eight percent. Lexington County had the lowest rate at four-point-two percent.

May 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 15, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Automaker BMW says it will increase production at its plant in Greer (South Carolina) to shield itself from the weaker dollar and meet potential market growth in the United States. BMW says it will raise the capacity of its plant in Greer from the current 140,000 cars to more than 200,000 vehicles annually. Chief Executive Norbert Reithofer says the strategy reduces the company's risk about the exchange rate. The euro has been particularly strong against the dollar in recent weeks. Last year, BMW said foreign exchange rates hurt its earnings by \$902 million. The company plans to increase the number of Z-4 sports cars and X-5 sport utility vehicles made in Greer. BMW also plans to do some production of its planned X-6 and next-generation X-3 in Greer as well.

June 11, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 11, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A biodiesel production facility planned for Laurens County is expected to produce ten million gallons of renewable fuel each year and will create up to 15 full-time jobs. The South Carolina Commerce Department says today that Greenlight Biofuels LLC expects to begin construction of the facility before the end of the year. Greenlight Biofuels was founded by Greenlight Energy Resources to develop biodiesel facilities in North America.

June 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 26, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The parent of the Philip Morris cigarette companies says it will close a North Carolina plant that employs 2,500 people as it moves some production to Europe. Altria Group says it's closing a plant in Cabarrus, (North Carolina), as it moves cigarette production for non-US markets to Europe. Altria says it will consolidate manufacturing for the US market at it's Richmond, Virginia, plant by 2010. The company says most North Carolina-based hourly employees and many salaried workers will be offered positions in Richmond. Other workers will be eligible for between three months and 20 months of severance pay and benefits, depending on length of service. They will also get job counseling. Altria says the move will save about \$335 million by 2011.

June 27, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 27, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Springs Global says it will close its last remaining bedding manufacturing facilities in South Carolina later this year, affecting about 750 jobs. The Fort Mill company says today it plans to shut down the Grace plant in Lancaster, eliminating 540 jobs. Closing manufacturing operations in Fort Lawn will eliminate 210 jobs in August. A distribution warehouse will stay open, employing around 150 people. Springs merged last year with leading Brazilian textile manufacturer Coteminas and has been relocating its manufacturing to South America. The company says it will employ about 700 people in South Carolina after the closings. In 1992, the company had more than 14,000 employees in the state. Co-chief executive Crandall Bowles says the closing is sad for the Springs family.

August 1, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 2, 2007	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: An eight-hour workday doesn't necessarily mean eight hours of work, according to a new survey that found that the average employee spends nearly two hours goofing off. According to Salary.com's 2007 Wasting Time Survey, the average worker wastes 1.7 hours of a typical 8.5-hour workday, with more than 63 percent admitting to doing so. The time was most often spent surfing the Internet (34.7 percent), socializing with co-workers (20.3 percent) or handling personal business while at work (17.0 percent), the survey said. Respondents also owned up to making personal phone calls and taking long breaks to run errands. The survey also found that younger employees waste more time than their older peers. Employees age 20 to 29 said they waste 2.1 hours per day, the highest amount, the survey said. The average for ages 30 to 39 fell to 1.9 hours, and ages 40 to 49 reported wasting 1.4 hours per day. Not having enough work to do was cited by 17.7 percent of workers as a reason for slacking off, while 13.9 percent of employees said their work hours are too long. Employees also blamed underpayment (11.8 percent) and a lack of challenging work (11.1 percent). While the amount of wasted time has steadily declined since Salary.com began conducting the annual survey in 2005, companies are still paying billions in salaries for time wasted. "While a certain amount of wasted time is built into company salary structures, our research indicates that companies with a challenged and engaged workforce can expect more productivity in return," Bill Coleman, chief compensation officer at Salary.com, said in a statement. The amount of wasted time at work has declined 19 percent since the first survey in 2005, when employees reported goofing off an average of 2.09 hours per day. In the 2006 survey, the figure decreased to 1.86 hours. A growing economy, increased employee productivity and a tightening labor market have been cited as contributing to the trend.

Attachments



Quality of Life

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2007**

Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

DATE **TIME** **PROGRAM**

Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

April 8, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The Archbishop of Canterbury says Easter should be a time of reconciliation. The Anglicans' spiritual leader urged the congregation at Canterbury Cathedral in southeast England to stop trying to prove that their own problems are worse than those of others. Rowan Williams says whether or not we agree with other people's problems, those problems still may be driving their actions. And he says "we'd better listen." The archbishop says conflicts in the Middle East, Northern Ireland and Africa are no different than those between Muslims and Christians, and even problems within the church itself. The Anglican church has been plagued by disagreements over homosexuality and ordaining of gay priests. The archbishop says the Easter message is realizing that God is determined to live among us, "whatever happens."

April 8, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Singing hymns and lighting candles, thousands of Christian pilgrims turned out today in Jerusalem for celebrations at the church built on what is said to be the site of Jesus' resurrection. In previous years, foreign visitors had stayed away from Easter celebrations in Jerusalem, fearing the surge in Israeli-Palestinian violence. But many returned this year as things seem to have calmed. The crowds inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher were also bolstered by the alignment of the calendars of the Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant churches. Nuns, priests and other worshippers gathered for Easter Mass early this morning in chapels inside the church.

April 19, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
April 19, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News

Description:

Hundreds of students have gathered on the campus of Virginia Tech to remember the 32 victims of Monday's mass shooting. The mood is somber at the memorial on the Drillfield in front of Norris Hall, where most of the victims died. Nearly everyone is in the school's colors of maroon and orange. There are flower bouquets and candles at the memorial, as well as a yellow sign covered in maroon and orange handprints and bearing the words "Never forgotten." One student says he's at the memorial to connect with what happened on Monday. He says he almost feels guilty because he wasn't on campus when the shots rang out. Other services and vigils are being held around the country today.

April 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 20, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Friday afternoon kicks off the 3rd Annual "Artisphere" festival in downtown Greenville. Opening ceremonies start the event at 4 PM Friday in Falls Park. "Artisphere" is a festival of cultural activity and performing arts. In fact, this year's feature performer is Dr. Maya Angelou who will be at the Peace Center Saturday night. Last year, about 45,000 people attended the festival, and the year before 30,000 attended. More than 100 artists will be on Main Street displaying their work for all to see.

April 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 23, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Spewing messages of hate and dressed in Nazi style uniforms, fewer than one hundred members of the neo-Nazi group, the National Socialist Movement, marched to statehouse in Columbia on Saturday. It's safe to say their presence there was not welcome. People who opposed the neo-Nazis easily outnumbered the men, women and even a child. The neo-nazis said they came to Columbia to protest illegal immigration. Emotions were running high on both sides. Local and state police were ready dressed in full SWAT gear just in case. While many who opposed them were angry, there were quite a few who came just to listen. Marcus Owens, attended the rally. He said, "I'm here to know what their point of view is, of course I disagree with it, but I want to know what they're thinking, what's their basis." Although most will disagree with what the neo-Nazis had to say, some who attended did agree with their right to be here. Melissa Moore, who led a peaceful demonstration against the group said, "We totally believe in people's right to demonstrate, but we believe in a message of tolerance." Police only arrested one man. He was charged with disorderly conduct after he threw an egg.

April 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 23, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

For Kevin Benderman, being in the military was a part of life -- his ancestors served the country as far back as the Revolutionary War. But his 2003 tour of duty in Iraq caused the Hinesville man to develop more than a sense of honor to his country and fellow soldiers. He also concluded the war was wrong. He tried to file for status as a conscientious objector but instead was court-martialed in July 2005 for missing movement. That means skipping the flight for his second deployment in Iraq with the Fort Stewart-based 3rd Infantry Division. In August, Benderman finished a 15-month sentence in the stockade at Fort Lewis, Washington. The Army mechanic came today to the Atlanta Film Festival for the world premiere of the documentary "Soldiers of Conscience." The film is about Benderman and other U.S. soldiers whose experiences in Iraq prompted them to seek out conscientious objector status. About 75 people attended the premiere, including Ted Brodek of Atlanta. Benderman currently is on administrative leave from the Army while his case is on appeal. His conviction reduced his rank from sergeant to private and he also will receive a dishonorable discharge from the Army. Despite the hurdles, the 42-year-old has been working with his wife, Monica, on "Benderman's Bridge, Inc.," a project to help troops returning from Iraq adjust to civilian life through job training and peer counseling.

April 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 26, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A bill to help local governments conduct legal prayers before meetings has been sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Isle of Palms Senator Chip Campsen says the bill is designed to clear up confusion over what kind of public prayer is considered constitutional, according to rulings by the U-S Supreme Court. Mike Johnson with the Alliance Defense Fund says it's important that public prayers don't try to convert people. The Supreme Court said in 1983 decision that praying before public government meetings and legislative sessions is "deeply embedded in the history and tradition of this country." Johnson says the prayer should be about elected officials asking for divine guidance in their decisions, --not-- advocating a particular religion to the public.

May 4, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 4, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

You never want to see mangled cars, debris all over the road or a driver or a passenger who didn't make it. However, when state troopers respond to wrecks that's exactly what they deal with. "Again we are seeing a rise in fatalities just in the last couple of weeks, said Lance Cpl. Kathy Hiles, from the South Carolina Highway Patrol. "A lot of those have been just general inattention." Clearing a scene doesn't just mean trying to manage traffic jams, it also means trying to figure out how the wreck happened and who's at fault- if anyone at all. That's when a reconstruction team is called in. "They'll check for skid marks, gauge marks, any little marking on the roadways, said Hiles. "They'll also go over a complete inspection of the vehicles." The Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) is made up of three troopers. When you see those flashing lights from wreckers, they aren't there just to tow the mess away, they also help clear the scene. Glen Carver has seen it all from fender benders to deadly crashes. "Luckily the guy ended up being pretty good in the 18 wheeler, and then like this one, a bad fatality," said Carver. He says part of his job is to also help save lives. "Anything can happen," Carver said. "The cable could break, I mean anything could go wrong. It's just you've got to do it in a timely manner, but you still have to take safety over time wise."

May 10, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 10, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Mary Johnson loves to relax on her porch with her family. She's seen a lot from the porch, both good and bad. "We see a lot of people going in and out these old houses, and if they tear them down they won't have anywhere to go and it will be better," said Johnson. Some houses near Lincoln Avenue and Railroad Street in Anderson concern her. Some of the homes are boarded-up. Others have broken windows, overgrown yards and doors left wide open. "It's changed a lot since I've been here," said Johnson. People who live in the area say prostitutes and drug addicts make the abandoned homes their illegal playgrounds. So, city administrators are having them torn down, so they can build new ones. "I think that will be real good, make the place look better anyway," said Johnson. Johnson hopes it will push drug dealers and prostitutes out of the neighborhood too. "We want people who are not going to take from us and do harm to us," Johnson said. "We want it to be a good neighborhood, a great place to live." City administrators approved the project last year to tear down the dilapidated homes in order to help with the problem. They've already torn down 50 houses, and are planning to tear down 50 more. They're also starting to build new ones on the East and West sides of town

May 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The FOX Carolina family is in mourning following a hit-and-run car accident that took the life of one of our own employees Monday afternoon- Joe Loy. Joe, who was our assignment editor and had worked at FOX Carolina since 1999, was killed. The family has scheduled a memorial service for Joe on Friday at 3 PM at the Madren Center Outdoor Pavilion in Clemson.

Troopers Hope Video Shot By Joe Will Locate Driver

Investigators are still trying to find a driver who may have played a role in the death of our co-worker, Joe Loy. On Tuesday night, we spoke to an eyewitness who saw first-hand how a red pick-up truck was involved. It was just after 5:30 Monday afternoon when a tractor-trailer spilled lumber across southbound lanes of Interstate 85. As usual, FOX Carolina Assignment Editor, Joe Loy, knew all about it even before he got a call from the South Carolina Highway Patrol. "I did speak with him thirty minutes before the collision so it was a little hard to take at first," said Lance Corporal Kathy Hiles from the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Joe grabbed his camera and headed to the scene on the northbound side of I-85. Only seconds after Joe started rolling video on the accident, a white van in the far left lane lost control and hit him. An eyewitness, who'd rather not be identified, said, "We knew this man was injured, but we didn't know how bad it was, but we stopped and tried to help anyway we could." The eyewitness was driving right behind the white van. He believes the van lost control mostly because of the red GMC truck. "The red truck veered in front of the white van causing the white van to overcorrect," said the eyewitness. According to the witness, the red pick-up had been weaving in out of traffic for a while. He said, "I remarked to my

wife, it seems to be going awful fast for traffic slowing down." The driver of the white van stopped. The driver of the pick-up kept on going. The eyewitness said, "I would find it hard to believe he didn't see anything. It was a horrific skid and there was glass, and smoke." The accident remains under investigation. If you have any information about the red Ford pickup truck troopers say hit Joe, you're asked to call the South Carolina Highway Patrol in either Greenville at 864-241-1000 or Spartanburg at 864-585-6629.

Fellow Firefighters Remember Joe Loy

"Every time he got out of that truck he was smiling and cutting up, and you just looked forward to Joe being around," said Chief Gary Bean, from the Double Springs Volunteer Fire Department. That's the way he'll always be remembered in the hearts and minds of those who knew him best- a man with a genuine smile, and a passion to always help others. Three years ago, Joe Loy dedicated himself to do just that by becoming a volunteer firefighter at the Double Springs Fire Department. He was inspired by his daughter, Katie, who at just 16, decided to join the department. "He joined because she joined, and he always had to be moving something around or have his hands in something," said Hayden Noordhuizen, a family friend. Like many things in his life, Joe was there to support the firefighters. In doing that, he was an inspiration. He never let anything stand in his way of lending a helping hand. "If he could push through it, and the physical limitations and age, what excuse would the younger guys have? They have none," said Chief Bean. Although Joe had a hip problem, it didn't stop him from making it through basic fire fighter training and finishing with honors. "He had it down. He was ready to go if anything came up. He was qualified to drive the trucks and tankers to the scene," said Bill Legare, from the Double Springs Volunteer Fire Department. "He's a lucky man, said Chief Bean. "He loved his church, family, and the news business. How many of us can lay our head down at night and say, 'Hey! I'm surrounded by love!'"

May 15, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 15, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

State legislators from both parties want Congress to reauthorize a federal health insurance program for poor children that could mean an extra \$795 million for South Carolina. The South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center says the extra money for the State Children's Health Insurance Program could help ensure all South Carolina children have health insurance. A state program currently covers about 69,000 children from poor families, and the budget for next year provides enough money to cover about 65,000 more children. But officials at the justice center say that would leave more than 35,000 children uninsured.

May 17, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 17, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The BMW Charity Pro-Am is in full swing in Greenville County. It brings not only professional golfers, but celebrities to the upstate. Tournament Director, Darin MacDonald said, "On one course we'll have (Kevin) Costner, Gary Player and John Elway." Those are just a few of the celebrities in town. Cheech Marin, Katherine Bell and Wayne Gretzky are returning for this year's event. There are plenty of first timers including Katherine Bell's "J.A.G." co-star, David James Elliot, swimsuit model Joanna Krupa, and George Lopez. Darius Rucker of "Hootie & the Blowfish" is also playing in the tournament. The proceeds from the concert he put on at the Bi-Lo Center Thursday night will go to charity. "The charities are going to benefit greatly this year," said MacDonald. "We're on target to raise a record amount." The first six years for the Charity Pro-Am raised more than \$3.7 million for area charities. MacDonald hopes to raise \$1.5 million this year alone.

June 14, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 14, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

Empty boxes and a scarce food supply are all that's left in the Piedmont Community Food Bank. "Normally, when you see this unit it would be at least half full, even completely full," said Stan Mansell, Director of Piedmont Community Food Bank. Mansell said Second Harvest pulled the plug on the food bank by taking away their accreditation. Simply put, no accreditation means no government food. "You should see how they line up out here in the morning, especially little children," Mansell said. "Now we won't be able to serve them." Morgan Hunt is one of the people effected by the cutback. Every week she shops the food bank for an organization that provides meals for kids in the community. "At times they are hungry and thirsty, and it's not only a program to teach them technology, but also a place where they can get a meal," said Morgan Hunt of Computer Historical Society. It is not only their food supply that has been cut, but also five jobs at the food bank have been dropped. What's left of the food will now sell for 18-cents a pound instead of 16-cents a pound. The food bank is hoping donations and volunteers will keep their doors open and food on the table. Second Harvest would not comment on why the accreditation was pulled. They only said this is an internal investigation, and that they would still supply emergency food to the area. However, Piedmont Community Food Bank said they were sited for problems in the past that have since been rectified.

June 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

A blaze at Taylors Crossing Apartments late Monday night has left 25 families without a place to live. The fire was in building F of the complex located just off Wade Hampton Boulevard on Reid School Road. Witnesses said as you approached the fire, you could see an orange glow in the sky all the way from Wade Hampton Boulevard. One woman and her dog were rescued from a third story apartment window, firefighters said. In total, 12 apartments have been destroyed, and most of the other apartments in the building have some sort of smoke or water damage, residents said. The American Red Cross was on the scene to help the families who were displaced by the fire. They asked anyone who would like to help the people affected by the fire to mail their donations to the upstate chapter of the Red Cross at: American Red Cross; Upstate South Carolina Chapter; 940 Grove St.; Greenville, S.C. 29605. Fire investigators were expected to begin determining the cause of the fire on Tuesday morning.

June 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 19, 2007	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description:

The deaths of 9 firefighters in a furniture store last night in Charleston is the largest loss of firefighters in the United States since the September Eleventh terror attacks. The National Fire Protection Association says the nine deaths is the most since 340 firefighters died on September Eleventh in New York City. The Charleston County coroner this afternoon plans to release the firefighters' names. Store owner Herb Goldstein says there are --no-- words to express his sorrow. The Charleston Fire Department has 237 firefighters. Two employees were rescued. Mayor Joe Riley says there is --no-- indication of arson. State and federal officials are investigating. Governor Mark Sanford has ordered that flags be lowered to half-staff on state buildings. It was the deadliest fire in the state since eleven people died in a fire at the Lancaster County jail in 1979.

June 23, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

Climbing on the back of a 1,000 pound animal could be an intimidating experience for anyone. But for hundreds of disabled children in the Upstate, a horseback riding therapy program called H.A.L.T.E.R. or Handicapped Athletes Learning to Enjoy Riding, has been life-changing. Chairman of the Board for H.A.L.T.E.R., Fern Powell, says, "We use horses for physical movement but also for an emotional connection as well. Kids with autism or ADD maybe don't focus as well. Working with

an animal might help them process their emotions better." Powell explains the freedom of riding a horse can be confidence-boosting and exhilarating for a child who may not be able to feel that freedom on a regular basis. "The physical aspect is important too. It's giving them the ability to be independent to be on a horse by themselves up high off the ground," she says. The therapeutic horseback riding program comes with a lot of expenses and that's where supporters and volunteers are taking the reigns during a poker ride fundraiser. Although they're out having fun, even the adult participants in the ride seem to reap the benefits of horse therapy. "It's very pretty," says Marilyn Hollifield, "It's very calming to be able to walk with horse strolling along. The gait of the horse is very relaxing." After imagining the pride of a child who has successfully completed his or her own ride, no one could doubt the rewards of horsepower. Hollifield adds, "It gives them a feeling they're special. Of course they're special but they're even more special because they can ride a horse and a lot of people can't ride a horse." H.A.L.T.E.R is trying to raise a million dollars to expand its services and build an indoor arena so the programs never get rained out. The group operates on volunteer support and the generosity of the public. If you'd like to volunteer or send in a donation here is H.A.L.T.E.R.'s contact information: www.handicappedathletes.com H.A.L.T.E.R.; P.O. BOX 1403; Spartanburg, SC 29304

June 23, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

An Airman has been awarded the Silver Star for his bravery not long after the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom four years ago. Master Sergeant Michael Keehan the Third was given the medal during a ceremony yesterday at Shaw Air Force Base. Keehan led a five-person team that relayed enemy positions on the ground to fighters in the air in the spring of 2003. The commendation for valor says Keehan's team was caught in 1 of the worst sandstorms in Iraq's history and were surrounded by the enemy, but were able to relay accurate information to attack forces. Keehan says his family is proud to see him win the Silver Star, but bringing his team home safely was reward enough for him.

June 25, 2007 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News
 June 25, 2007 5a-9:00am The Morning News

Description:

Americans were a generous bunch last year. They gave nearly \$300 billion to charitable causes last year, besting the 2005 total that was boosted by a surge in aid to victims of hurricanes in the US and the Asian tsunami. According to the Giving USA Foundation at Indiana University's Center on Philanthropy, the biggest chunk of the donations, \$97 billion, went to religious organizations. Education was next, receiving 41 billion. The group says giving tends to track the health of the overall economy. The foundation's annual report says most of the money came from individuals. Companies and their foundations gave about \$13 billion last year, a ten percent drop-off from the year before.

January 22, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 22, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

The American College of Physicians says the state of the nation's health care is inadequate, and widespread reform is needed. Doctor Lynne Kirk, president of the group, says Medicare, Medicaid and other government-backed health programs need to change to what she calls patient-centered care. Such a system calls for the primary care doctor to work with patients to manage their health care. She says "our system's become very fragmented" with patients seeing a number of specialists who may not be aware of "what the other doctor's doing." Kirk says even patients with private insurance coverage are finding that their primary care physician doesn't have enough time or resources to provide them with comprehensive health care. In the 2007 State of the Nation's Health Care report, the medical group says too many doctors are leaving their practices because of the patient load and inadequate government reimbursement. The report also notes that fewer medical interns and residents are opting to becoming primary care physicians. The doctor's group says there is also a need to develop affordable health insurance plans for the estimated 47 (m) million uninsured people in this country.

January 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 24, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

They are much older and some are grandparents, but eight of nine black men who participated in a Rock Hill civil rights protest in 1961 are gathering for a remembrance ceremony. The eight are going back to McCrory's lunch counter in Rock Hill to re-enact the event of January 31st, 1961, when they were arrested for attempting to be served. The nine decided to stay in jail, instead of making bail. The protest helped bring the spotlight on discrimination when the civil rights movement in the South was losing momentum. One of the nine died in August. A plaque will mark the spot where they were carted off to jail. Clarence Graham says the group was --not-- out to make history at the time, but they are back to remind people how things were just decades ago.

January 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 24, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Did you know that registered sex offenders move an average of four times a year making it harder and harder to track them down? This is why the Greenville County Sheriff's Office has made tracking them down a whole lot easier. These days a good location and school system aren't the only things to consider when moving into a neighborhood. On Wednesday, Sheriff Steve Loftis announced a new computer program available on their web site called "Offender Watch" that can make your neighborhood safer. By simply putting in your address, you can see how many sex offenders live within a one mile radius. Loftis said, "If I can use it anyone can use it." The company who made the web site says Greenville County has 750 registered sex offenders and more than 80-percent of people live within one mile of them. Vice President of "Offender Watch" said, "This provides the tool to track down offenders, map them from your home to your day cares." The National Sex Offender Registry works just as well, but not only is this program easier to navigate according to the sheriff's department, but registered users will also get an e-mail notification if a sex offender moves to their neighborhood. <http://www.gcsso.org/> <http://www.gcsso.org/>

February 2, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 2, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

A memorial with a reflecting pool, sculptures, a fountain and a wall describing the 95-year history of the Charleston Naval Base will be dedicated July Fourth. Work starts today on the three (m) million dollar memorial on the Cooper River beside North Charleston's new Riverfront Park. The memorial is dedicated to the thousands of uniformed men and women as well civilians who worked there and at the Charleston Naval Shipyard. Almost 26-thousand people worked at the complex and shipyard during World War Two. There were still nearly 22-thousand people working at the base when plans were announced in 1993 to close it. The memorial will feature sculptures of a submarine, a landing craft and a destroyer.

February 19, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 19, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

The work-out at Nautilus Fitness Center in Spartanburg can be tough. Those who are exercising by pumping and pushing it are showing what they're made of. It takes strength and motivation to move the weights they're handling, but it is nothing like the weight 2nd Lt. Andrew Kinard carried and accepted for our country. He used to work at the gym just before he took his strength and dedication to the battlegrounds of Iraq. "We were in shock, but just relieved that God has spared his life," said John Lankford, owner of they gym. While on the frontline a roadside bomb exploded, and Kinard lost both of his legs. "There are men and women all over the country just like Andrew and this is the way we can show them how much we appreciate what they're doing," said Lankford. So as 2nd Lt. Andrew Kinard recovers, his presence is still at the gym. Lankford is hosting a bench and curl contest to help raise money for Kinard. "God is going to use this for his glory and we pray for Andrew each and everyday," said Lankford. Employees are also selling t-shirts with Kinard's picture and the words "Giving up is not an option" printed on them, we're told it is something he often says. Competitors are asking for sponsors to donate \$0.50 or a \$1.00 for every bench press. It is small change they say for a young man who sacrificed so much. The contest will take place March 3 at Nautilus Fitness Center. Weigh-in time is from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM, and the contest will begin at noon. If you are competing, the entry fee is \$25.00.

February 28, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 28, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Roy Williams can recall the days when he couldn't afford to buy a bottle of Coca-Cola, even when it cost just a dime. Today, the North Carolina coach can afford all the Cokes he wants, but he shares those early years in Asheville in a 30-second national commercial. The ad features Williams talking about playing ball in the 1960s with his buddies at Biltmore School and then going down to a local gas station for Cokes. While his friends drank soda, Williams said he chose water because he didn't want his friends to know he didn't have a dime. Williams says once his mother -- who did ironing at home to make extra money -- found out her only son wasn't drinking Cokes, she left a dime for young Roy each morning. The ad also shows Williams in his office, where there's a refrigerator full of bottled Cokes.

March 5, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 5, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Time is running out for the national Episcopal Church to approve the election of the Very Reverend Mark Lawrence as the new bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina. Lawrence is a conservative elected last summer in a landslide. But his election requires the approval of a majority of the Episcopal bishops and standing committees in the church around the country before he can be consecrated as bishop. If Lawrence is --not-- approved by Monday, church law requires a new election. A majority of the nation's bishops have approved the election. But the Reverend J. Haden McCormick says only 46 committees have approved the election. McCormick says approval is needed by 56 committees. The diocese is comprised of 75 parishes in the lower and eastern part of South Carolina.

March 8, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 8, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

In just two days three churches have been burglarized all of them in Greenville County. Faith Baptist Church on Highway 14, Clear Springs Baptist Church on Bethany Road and Immanuel Lutheran Church on Woodruff Road. Deputies now believe they may all be connected because they share a lot of similarities. In all of the burglaries the church's glass door was smashed open with a rock. Here at Immanuel Lutheran Church, the burglars threw a rock right threw the door. The burglars also bypassed expensive televisions and computers and headed straight for the sanctuary. The burglars didn't take anything at Faith Baptist, but some musical equipment was stolen from Clear Springs Baptist Church. Lynn Peden said, "They passed by our sound equipment all those things. The microphones they stole, and without the receivers those they won't work." Same scenario, but a different rock was used at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Here the burglars also bypassed computers and headed straight to the sanctuary. Tim Roggow said, "It was a \$700 guitar, hole up towards the top, it might stand out a little more than others." Roggow teaches children at Immanuel Lutheran. He says breaking the news of the stolen guitar was probably hardest on them. He said, "The kids asked why I wasn't playing. I told them the guitar was stolen. One kid said, 'Well, I have one,' and one kid said, 'You can buy one at Wal-Mart.'" Pastor Jeff Vanosdol said he got the call about break-in around nine o'clock Tuesday night. At first he thought it was just a false alarm. He said, "The usual procedure is the sheriff's department is called if the alarm goes off, I told them to go ahead because I couldn't check it out myself. I'm glad I didn't because the alarm was going off and there was a hole in the window." Besides the door nothing else was damaged. He said, "In the 16 years I guess we've been here, false alarms, this one was for real." The only thing stolen was a guitar, unless you also count their sense of security. He said, "We will say a prayer for those who did this, certainly they need our prayers more than we need a guitar." In total the burglars caused about \$2,000 worth of damages. If you have any information call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

March 12, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 12, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Officials say 120-thousand dollars has been raised to bring back to South Carolina National Guard members before they are deployed to Afghanistan. About 14-hundred Guard members are training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, but get a ten-day break before heading overseas. The money will give the members of the 218th Brigade Combat Team round-trip bus fare for the trip next month. House Speaker Bobby Harrell says businesses and individuals have contributed the money for the trip. An additional 400 guard members are training at Fort Riley, Kansas. The Newberry based brigade will train members of the Afghan Army and police. Some will deploy with Afghan military units in the field. The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce helped with the fund-raising effort.

March 16, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 16, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

For the first time in more than 70 years the Episcopal Church has thrown out a bishop's election. The election of the Very Reverend Mark Lawrence by the Diocese of South Carolina was invalidated today by the Episcopal Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. Jefferts Schori decided the South Carolina Diocese and others had failed to submit proper written consent for the election as required by church law. Lawrence's election became a flash point in the denomination's struggle over whether parishioners with conflicting views of the Bible on gays and other issues could stay in the same denomination. Officials of the South Carolina Diocese, which includes 75 parishes in the lower and eastern part of the state, plan to meet within the next couple of weeks to decide their next step. Acting Bishop Edward Salmon, who is retiring from the South Carolina post, will remain until a new bishop is consecrated.

March 19, 2007

5-7pm

The Morning News

Description:

War protests and vigils are also scheduled for Monday. The demonstrations started over the weekend. People showed up in downtown Greenville Sunday night to remember those who've died during the Iraq war. The observance honored not only U.S. service members, but also Iraqis who've died. The event was held by the Greenville Anti-War Society. Monday night, a candlelight vigil to honor fallen and wounded troops will take place on the Clemson Unitarian Fellowship lawn. The vigil starts at 7 o'clock, on Pendleton Road. Also on Monday night, another candle light vigil to remember fallen soldiers will be at 7:30 in Asheville. This one will be on College Street in front of city hall and the courthouse. During the vigil, the group plans to call for Congress to end the war. At 6 o'clock on Monday night in Seneca, a letter from a local soldier who spent time serving in Iraq, will be read during a candlelight vigil. The service will be in the park across the street from Seneca's Public Library.

March 18, 2007

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

March 19, 2007

5-7pm

The Morning News

Description:

The search for a Boy Scout who disappeared during a camping trip in a North Carolina park resumed on Monday after the child's mess kit was found about three-quarters of a mile from where he last was seen in Doughton Park. Some 70 ground searchers, a state police helicopter and five dog teams picked up the search for Michael Auberry, who wandered away from his troop's campsite two days ago in the rugged terrain of the Blue Ridge Parkway. "The most probable thing is that he walked away, went out in the woods and went to investigate," said David Bauer, a ranger with the parkway. Auberry, of Greensboro, has been a Scout for about a year and has a first-class rank, his father, Kent Auberry, told the Winston-Salem Journal. The scout's parents said he likes to camp but doesn't like the cold. He last was seen wearing a red coat and hiking boots, and has had survival training lessons with the Boy Scouts but no means to start a fire, Bauer said. Rescuers were expected to search the area between the campsite and where Auberry's mess kit was found. "He's trained to seek shelter at night, cover himself up with leaves" for warmth, Bauer said. Trails and fire roads, as well as rugged off-road areas were being looked at in the search, Bauer said. About 10 scouts and their three adult leaders of Troop 230 noticed Auberry was missing after eating lunch together Saturday. Bauer said Auberry stayed behind with an adult leader while the rest of the troop went for a hike Saturday "because apparently he wanted to sleep in." The troop members returned and ate lunch with Auberry and the leader. Soon after, between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m., they noticed Auberry was missing from the camp, he said. Searchers overnight Saturday found part of Auberry's mess kit less than a mile from the camp, he said. Bauer said he's not aware of Auberry having any arguments or problems with the troop or his family. Temperatures were expected to drop into the 20s for a second straight night Sunday but rise into the upper 50s on Monday. Debbie Hayes, Michael's mother, said he was wearing a red heavy outer coat and an inner fleece coat, and had gloves and a hat in a pocket. He was wearing a dark blue University of North Carolina Tar Heels baseball cap. Search crews have included volunteer firefighters, National Park Service staff and rescue squads from the state park system and Alleghany and Wilkes counties. A Highway Patrol helicopter equipped with an infrared sensor that can detect body heat was sent to assist the search.

March 20, 2007

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

March 20, 2007

5-7pm

The Morning News

Description:

FOX News is reporting they have confirmation from park rangers that Michael Auberry, the Boy Scout who went missing in the North Carolina mountains on Saturday, has been found alive.

March 20, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 20, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Following a trend that began last year, the minor-league Asheville Tourists are inviting local churches to host programs at home games this season. It's part of a promotion called Worship Wednesdays at McCormick Field. The Tourists and local Clear Channel radio stations will sponsor opportunities to combine fellowship and service, as well as a program to benefit Western Carolina Rescue Ministries. For every ticket purchased by church groups on Wednesdays, the Tourists will donate a dollar to rescue ministries. On August 22nd, the Tourists will provide free tickets to the homeless residing at the ministries' shelter, and those guests will also receive a free hot dog, chips and a soft drink. Faith Nights made their mark on sporting events across the Southeast and the rest of the nation last year. A company based in Nashville, Tennessee, planned the nights with the Atlanta Braves and Arena Football's Birmingham franchise.

March 21, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 21, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

Michael Auberry, the 12-year-old Boy Scout who went missing in the North Carolina mountains over the weekend, was found Tuesday by a searcher and her rescue dog. Turns out, both the dog and his handler are from the upstate. The rescue dog, Gandalf, and his handler, Misha Marshall are from Chesnee, a small town Spartanburg County. Tuesday was the duo's first day volunteering in the search for the missing 12-year-old. Misha and Gandalf are among the six people and five dogs who volunteer with the South Carolina Search and Rescue Dog Association. She says when Gandalf saw Michael, it was simply unbelievable. A reporter asked Marshall, "When he saw you, what did he do?" Marshall responded, "He was glad. He was very glad. It took him a while to realize we were friendly." Misha and Gandalf are expected to return to the upstate on Wednesday.

March 24, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description:

Some 45 people from several states protested a Hendersonville ordinance that prohibits street preaching without a permit. Demonstrators said they came from North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee to show support for a pastor who was jailed Friday for violating the ordinance. Billy Ball is a pastor from Primrose, Georgia, who was arrested for violating the ordinance. It was his third preaching trip to Hendersonville, about 18 miles south of Asheville. Participants say Ball doesn't want his 110-dollar-bond posted so he can challenge the ordinance in court. His first court appearance is scheduled for Monday. Hendersonville police Captain John Nicholson told demonstrators the city hasn't denied a permit in some 30 years. Even so, the street preachers say the ban violates their free speech.

March 26, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 26, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

With filming set for Sunday, Lakeview Middle School has been transformed into the set of "Leatherheads." About 20 Model-T and Model-A Fords are being used as props. Dozens of people have been driving by to see what all the talk is about. "Yea you see a lot of people come by from out of town taking pictures and recording and all of that," said Tommy Anglin, one resident. Aside from the old cars, crews built a stadium wall. Behind it lies a 1920's style gridiron. "Oh, they took down the regular metal goal posts. They took down the lights and they just made a whole different football field," said Anglin. From the bleachers to an advertising wall, it's all part of the set. Residents say crews started building a few days ago and the transformation has been amazing. "I think it's pretty amazing. We have not had anything like this my whole life I have been here," said another resident.

March 30, 2007	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 30, 2007	5-7pm	The Morning News

Description:

He grew up in Laurens County, and through the years Willie Johnson, the little southern boy from the country wanted to do and see big things. After high school, he signed up to serve in the Army, and ended up in Vietnam at 18-years-old. He remembers being in an airport waiting for his unit to be taken out of a war zone, when he noticed dozen of body bags. "These 30 body bags. Someone started unzipping bags, because we thought they were Vietnamese bodies, but they were American bodies," said Johnson. He calls the experience traumatic, but one that made him grow up quickly. He received the bronze medal for his leadership and somehow, his journey led him back south, to Greenville and the police department as a patrol officer. "My first day, I almost quit because I wasn't sure if this was the right job for me. I still had reservations. I was still thinking about Washington, D.C.," said Johnson. He still wanted to see the big city, but he says something kept him here- a calling for service. So, from patrol officer to sergeant, to lieutenant, to captain to major when in 1996 he saw death again. This time, one of his fellow detectives, Russ Sorrow was shot and killed. "I've made some great friends here. I've seen people at their best and at their worst," said Johnson. Then, in 2000, he became police chief and says his training got tested early. "We had an armed robbery hostage situation at McDonald's on Laurens Road," said Johnson. Robbers inside took hostages at gunpoint and refused to come out. He went to the scene to help with negotiations, he'd seen death before, and didn't want to see it there. Eventually, the gunmen surrendered. "I think I made a contribution or at least I tried to make some contribution to law enforcement and to the community, and so I'm happy," said Johnson. Honored for his service through the years, he received the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor in the state. He's also known as the technology chief. "We have over 100 computers that we refer to as MDT's in our patrol cars, we have over 110 cameras downtown," said Chief Johnson. Now, he says it is time. After 37-years of service with the department he spends his last day behind the desk as chief because he's retiring. He says through the good and rough times he made it. "God looks after you that's the only thing I can say," said Johnson. Chief Johnson says he wouldn't change a thing. "I have no regrets, I've enjoyed this job," said Johnson. Chief Willie Johnson is the first African-American chief in Greenville. Johnson says he will miss the people he worked with and met in the community over the years, but he'll still be around.